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CONGRESS VETERAN TARUN GOGOI PASSES AWAY AT 84

The three-time chief minister of Assam was undergoing treatment for post-Covid complications in Guwahati

'NO PROBLEM' WAS HIS FAVOURITE ONE-LINER

Gogoi, who saw himself among a tough breed of politicians who do not dither while making decisions, often told his team members that his guiding mantra in all that he did was: "no problem". Explaining it in his memoir *Turnaround*, the Congress stalwart said if one "approaches the negative in a positive manner, things automatically fall into place" **P9**



TARUN GOGOI

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BROUGHT ULFA TO THE TALKS TABLE

■ As Assam's chief minister for 15 years from 2001, Gogoi is widely credited for pulling the state from the edge of bankruptcy and putting it on the path of development
■ The six-time MP will also be remembered for bringing various militant outfits, including the ULFA, to the negotiation table



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CALLS GOGOI A POPULAR LEADER AND A VETERAN ADMINISTRATOR

Schools, PU colleges won't open in Dec

Technical Advisory Committee to meet in third week of next month to decide on academic year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE State Government has decided not to reopen schools and pre-university colleges in December. The decision was announced on Monday by Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar, less than a week after the higher education department reopened degree colleges on November 17.

The decision was based on a report by the Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) constituted by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, which took into consideration the spike in cases in Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat and Rajasthan, and noted that the winter months of December-January would be conducive to the spread of respiratory infections.



Education Minister Suresh Kumar at a meeting on reopening of schools in Bengaluru

Covid situation will be reviewed towards December-end to consider reopening of schools post-December

Suresh Kumar, Education Minister

Besides, the epidemiological perspective based on a Covid survey done in the state in September is that there may be a spike in Covid cases in districts that have recorded low infection spread now.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said it is not advisable to reopen schools and PU colleges anytime soon. "We need to consider the possibility of a second wave of Coronavirus hitting the country. The matter was discussed at the technical advisory committee meeting and the government has been informed of the decision," he said.

Suresh Kumar said that the Covid situation will be reviewed towards December-end to consider reopening of schools post-December. The TAC will meet in the third week of December to decide on a road map for the academic

year, as the education department is looking at a phased reopening of schools, starting with older students of Class 8 and above.

The state has 9,59,566 Class 10 students of state, CBSE and ICSE boards, and 5,70,126 pre-university students. A decision on exam dates too has to be taken and it will be done after a discussion among officials.

Suresh Kumar said that Class 10 students would have completed 100 per cent of their syllabus in December as classes are being aired on state-run television channel Doordarshan Chandana.

The TAC, at its 52nd meeting on Covid on Sunday, decided to recommend to the state government to postpone reopening of schools and not to do so at least in December. **P2**

RAJAN ROASTS CORPORATE BANK IDEA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FORMER RBI governor Raghuram Rajan on Monday ripped apart the banking regulator's latest proposal to allow large business houses to float banks, saying chances of misuse is very high because of 'self-lending opportunities'. "Industrial houses need financing, and they can get it easily, with no questions asked, if they have an in-house bank. The history of such connected lending is invariably disastrous — how can the bank make good loans when it is owned by the borrower?" he asked in a note written jointly with RBI's former deputy governor Viral Acharya. The note, titled 'Do we really need Indian corporations in banking' and published on LinkedIn, warned that such a move will "further exacerbate the concentration of economic



Raghuram Rajan

(and political) power in certain business houses". RBI has till now been opposed to letting business houses run banks given India's history of the 1950s and 1960s when a number of banks run by big industrial houses went under after a spate of connected loans were doled out.

A major private sector lender ICICI Bank is facing a probe over loans given to connected parties. RBI recently ordered the merger of Lakshmi Vilas Bank with DBS Bank. Rajan and Acharya said the latest proposal by RBI gives undue advantage to large business houses that already have the initial capital that has to be put up. "Moreover, highly indebted and politically connected business houses will have the greatest incentive and ability to push for licences. That will increase the importance of money power yet more in our politics, and make us more likely to succumb to authoritarian cronyism," they warned.



Independent probe needed into Akshaya Patra: MLC

ENS @Bengaluru

BJP MLC Lahar Singh Siroya has said that an independent inquiry panel should look into the allegations made against the Akshaya Patra Foundation by its former trustees. He suggested that the chairman of APF and ISKCON Bengaluru, Madhu Pandit Dasa, should hand over the management of the mid-day meal programme to an independent administrator till the probe is completed.

The MLC said there could be a conflict of interest if the two-member panel, headed by former Chief Vigilance Commissioner K V Chowdhary, conducts an inquiry, as Chowdhary and the other member of the panel, M S Unni Krishnan, former MD and CEO of Thermax, were appointed as non-executive trustees of the APF board when it was reconstituted recently. **P4**

India's best shot at covid vaccine has 70% efficacy

EEXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

OF all the big Covid vaccine efficacy reports, the one India was keen to hear about has just arrived. Swedish-British biotech firm AstraZeneca on Monday announced that Covishield, its vaccine candidate developed along with the University of Oxford, showed an average efficacy of 70% in two study segments in early phase 3 of testing.

Though the performance percentage is lower than that of its three competitors — US pharma majors Pfizer and Moderna, and Russia's Sputnik V claimed 90+% efficacy — the Oxford vaccine scores over the rest for India as it can be stored at a comfortable 2-8°C; the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) is already manufacturing it; priced around ₹200 per dose to the government, it's cost effective; and it is possibly the first Covid-19 vaccine India can lay its hands on.

Of the 11,636 volunteers in Astra's initial test, 131 developed coronavirus, but did not need hospitalisation. **CONTINUED ON: P10**



Maha firewall for passengers from 4 states

Mumbai: With a fresh wave of Covid building on the horizon, Maharashtra sought to raise its firewall, mandating travellers from the most-affected states of Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa to show a Covid-19 negative certificate on arrival by rail, road and air from Wednesday. As per a Standard Operating Procedure issued by the state government, all travellers must undergo an RT-PCR test within 72 hours of the scheduled arrival time in Maharashtra. "The passengers not having the negative test report will have to undertake a Covid-19 test at their own cost. The airport authority will arrange the testing centres and charge the passengers directly," stated the notification.



Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa comes out of Vidhana Soudha after presenting the CM's medal to officers of state Forests, Wildlife and Environment Department | SHRIRAM BN

Veerashaiva-Lingayat board to get ₹500 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE State Government on Monday issued a formal order constituting the Karnataka Veerashaiva-Lingayat Development Corporation with an allocation of Rs 500 crore, even as the debate on constituting development boards for different communities continued.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had earlier announced the government's decision to constitute the corporation after community leaders, including ministers, demanded it. While the Backward Classes Welfare Department will take care of the initial expenditure, the government will allocate Rs 500 crore to take up initiatives to help "economically, socially and educationally backward" people from the community.

Veerashaiva-Lingayat is a politically influential community, especially in North Karnataka. Yediyurappa, Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi and a number of ministers in the cabinet are from the community. **P4**

Sources in the Chief Minister's Office said that ₹500 crore may not be allocated at once but over a period of time. As per the government order, the corporation will be registered under the Companies Act, 2013. The responsibility of preparing a "Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association, seeking approval from the state government and registering it with the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs" has been entrusted to the commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare Department.

The government's decision to constitute development corporations is seen as an attempt to woo various communities and has been questioned by opposition Congress leaders. They have accused the government of not providing funds to development corporations for backward classes that were constituted earlier. One such decision to constitute Maratha Development Board has come under fire from pro-Kannada organisations that have called for state bandh on December 5.

EXPRESS READ

B'lu air cleaner than other cities after Diwali

Bengaluru: The city had the best air quality after Diwali, in comparison to seven other cities, according to an analysis by an environmental intelligence company Ambee. Bengaluru's Air Quality Index ranged between 50 and 70. **P2**

New Covid therapy to the rescue

Bengaluru: Thymosin Alpha 1, a new therapy, can modulate the immune system of Covid patients and help their recovery. In mild patients, it stops the patient's condition from becoming moderate or severe, and helps severe patients in recovering. **P3**

HUMOUR GONE WRONG

A sticky issue: Yakshagana fans, artistes angry over advertisement

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

THIS one failed to stick. A new TV commercial of Fevicol, featuring Yakshagana — the traditional, popular art form from the coastal region, has created a storm in social media circuits. Terming it 'disrespectful' and 'poor portrayal of the tradition', artistes and fans of Yakshagana have demanded an apology from the company and withdrawal of the commercial.

The ad shows Yakshagana artistes and Bhagavatas, who narrate the story, involved in a scuffle on the stage after the king's throne breaks when he sits on it.

The protest against the ad started with Mangaluru South MLA Vedavyas Kamath putting up a Face-



A screen grab of the advertisement

book post with #apologize. He said, "Yakshagana is a centuries-old tradition of Tulu Nadu. Your Company mocking it is distasteful. It is our Culture and we give it PRIME respect. The AD has to be removed and your company should apologize for disrespecting Yakshagana. Do check on the internet on how we treat the amazing dance form." M Devanand Bhat, founder of

Sri Yakshagana Mitrakala Mandal said, "The ad affects people's belief and devotion in the art form. Yakshagana is not just entertainment, but also a form of worship. People running around on the stage with Chande and Maddale is not right."

Bhat is also not happy with Yakshagana being featured in films, Navaratri festivities and Republic Day parades. "In such shows, artistes in full costume (vesha) and gejjie (anklet) are seen wearing footwear. Many think such events give exposure to the art form. But why do we need such exposure at the cost of sanctity," he asked.

Yakshagana Bhagavata Patla Sathish Shetty, however, welcomed the ad, but said showing disrespect to the art is not acceptable. **P7**

Kerala won't pass police act

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram

UNDER fire from various corners, including national-level leaders and Left sympathisers, the CPM-led Kerala government on Monday said it would not enforce the controversial provisions in the Kerala Police Act amendment ordinance, signed by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan on Saturday.

CM Pinarayi Vijayan said any further action would be taken only after discussing it in the Assembly and collecting feedback from the public.

Section 118 (A), which has been incorporated in the Kerala Police Act, mandates jail term for offensive social media posts. **P7**

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Bengaluru wins cracker war, keeps air clean

Particulate matter dropped by 40% due to rain after Diwali; AQI in Delhi worst, shot up in Mumbai, Kolkata

BENGALURU, BEFORE AND AFTER

	BEFORE DIWALI (NOV 9-13)	AFTER DIWALI (NOV 14-18)
AQI	70	60
PM2.5	25	25

(Figures are averages)



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU had the best air quality after Diwali compared to seven other cities, according to an analysis by environmental intelligence company Ambee.

For Bengaluru, the Air Quality Index ranged between 50 and 70 and average PM2.5 (particulate matter) was just above 25 between November 9 and 18.

Most polluted in B'lu

With an average AQI of around 90, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Hampinagar, Nayandahalli were among the most polluted areas of the city. Areas such as Gavipuram, Vidyanayapura, Yelahanka, recorded average

PM2.5 of just above 35.

The least polluted areas include the Bengaluru airport with average AQI of just above 50. Other areas which had low levels of pollution include Madivala, Bellandur, Bommanahalli, and HSR Layout with PM 2.5 of 16. Some residential areas with large apartment complexes had elevated levels of PM2.5, which could be due to the bursting of firecrackers. However, particulate matter in the air dropped by 40% due to rains right after Diwali, giving some respite to city residents.

Other cities

Delhi fared the worst, with its AQI level over 250 for the period

of the analysis. PM2.5 levels in Delhi was above 200, twice the recommended safe levels. The other cities include Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pune and Jaipur.

"Delhi continues to face hazardous levels of pollution with average AQI and PM2.5 much higher than safe limits. Despite small showers, the ongoing stubble-burning will only worsen the air quality. In addition, dropping temperatures will also induce smog which creates health risks and visibility problems," said Madhusudan Anand, co-founder of Ambee.

Compared to last year, visibility is expected to be poorer

in Jaipur, Delhi, Kanpur, Lucknow, and Patna, he said. Other cities such as Mumbai and Chennai will experience moderate air quality while Kolkata and Hyderabad will continue to have pollution levels higher than safety limits, Anand said.

Mumbai's Air Quality Index level averaged 150 while Kolkata's increased from 120 to 170 after Diwali. Similarly, Pune's AQI rose after Diwali, and averaged 100.

Before the festival, Chennai's AQI averaged 110, which falls in the moderate category, and surprisingly saw a drop in pollution with the index level dropping to 50 after the festival.

First pay Rs 14K relief to shanty dwellers: HC

Govt told to take stand on Metro line near Jakkur airstrip

Bengaluru: The Karnataka HC on Monday directed the DGCA to take a clear stand, after conducting a survey if necessary, on the construction of the elevated Metro line near Jakkur Aerodrome. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay

Shreenivas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed the order after hearing the petition filed by Ajay Kumar Patil, who contended that the proposed Metro line violates the Aircraft Act, and the Statutory Orders and Rules issued under the Act.

Section 4(2) of the Act prohibits any construction within a distance of 60m of the extremity of the existing runway, posing a threat to flight safety

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has directed the state government to disburse compensation of Rs 14,100 to each of the families whose shanties were demolished in January at Kariyammanna Agrahara. The compensation was part of the measures taken by the government to rehabilitate them.

Besides this compensation, the state government decided in mid-October to pay a further Rs 29,000 to each family for rebuilding the sheds.

"The process of payment of compensation of Rs 14,100 will continue. As regards payment of Rs 29,000, an appropriate order will be passed after considering the affidavit which may be filed by the petitioner. Let the affidavit be filed by November 27," a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreenivas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty, said, asking for the petition to be listed for December 1.

The bench passed the order in response to a PIL filed by People's Union for Civil Liberties-Karnataka. The petitioner had moved the court in January, after the unlawful removal of shanties built on private land behind Mantri Espana Apartments. According to the petitioner, 351 of the affected persons have come forward to make claims.

The court said that it was a gross violation of fundamental rights and directed the government to rehabilitate the affected people. Accordingly, the state government decided to disburse compensation.

The government on September 23 released Rs 54.23 lakh to the Deputy Commissioner to build shelters.



MSc biochemistry students at Maharani's College in Bengaluru attend a lab class on Monday, a week after the state government allowed colleges to reopen | SHIRAM BN

BACK TO COLLEGE

'Decision taken keeping children's safety in mind'

Reliance, govt sign MoU on virtual schooling

Principal Secretary to the Department of Primary and Secondary Education, S R Umashankar, said that besides the state's initiatives to disseminate educational content, private channels have also been approached. An MoU has been signed with Reliance's Jio TV to broadcast educational content.

CONTINUED FROM P1

TAC Chairman Dr M K Sudarshan said at the Sunday meeting, "Covid is showing a declining trend in the state with around 1,700 cases and 20 deaths daily. It is important to consolidate this gain made after great efforts in the last eight months."

The committee concluded, "In this context, after extensive deliberations, it was unani-

mously resolved not to reopen schools in December."

Suresh Kumar said there were contending perspectives during the discussion — one that said schools should not open at all; and the other that highlighted the rise in child labour and child marriage incidents among government schoolchildren in rural areas.

"We will have to tackle these social ills. The Technical Advisory Committee has given its

decision and the most important aspect now is to save lives," he said, adding that the decision was made keeping the welfare and safety of children in mind.

Degree colleges reopened on November 17, but the attendance of students has been abysmal. Medical and paramedical colleges too are reopening on December 1. The impact of opening of colleges will be known in the coming days, said TAC members.

EXPRESS READ

BDA warns against fake letters in its name

Bengaluru: BDA has cautioned the public against fraudsters who are sending letters with forged signatures of officials and creating office seals in BDA's name. They call up people and threaten that their Akrama Sakrama and Civic Amenities sites could get cancelled if they do not pay up a specific sum. Public can contact the BDA Head office if they receive such letters. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th November: A few years ago, I attended a debate between some of our top scientists about the possibilities of life on other planets. Some very influential attendees said it was unlikely because life on earth was so delicate that the chances of life arising elsewhere were very slim. Most people no longer agree with this, though.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The general mood of the day is emotional and optimistic. This is all very well, and could make for some enjoyable scenes, but there are situations in which your judgment could slip. It's therefore important to think first - and only act once you know that you can't put a foot wrong.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You still need to pay a great deal of attention to partners' hopes and worries. The fact is that a little generosity of spirit now will pay dividends in the future. When others will show sympathy for you. Plus, if someone you live with has been standing in your way, they will soon lose interest in holding you back.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You should pay a little attention to your physical well-being, resolving yet again to get into shape and fixing yourself up for the future. It follows that a fair degree of self-discipline is necessary and your motto should be work now and play later.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There's an intensity in the air today which belies many people's casual appearance. Actually, this could be a pleasurable and fulfilling moment if you give your personal skills and talents a higher priority than the pressures of duty and routine.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There could be changes at home. If you press ahead today you'll discover that you have spare time tomorrow as pressures lift in a sort of chain reaction: as soon as one problem is removed, others will disappear like mirages in the desert. It could be amazing, really!

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

You are well used to playing a waiting game, but it now looks as if you are sufficiently sure of your own ideas to be able to put your plans into action. This is especially the case at home, where relatives will soon be persuaded that you are right.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You are, perhaps, a little too weighed down by financial cares, and to some it has looked as if your natural inclination has done you no favours. This is not the case, as you are shortly to find out. There is another factor to consider - that a figure in authority may need to be appeased.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

The Moon continues playing its full part, so you're still likely to be dominated by your heart rather than your head. If you want to plan for the future, you can do no better than get your finances into order. What you really need to do is win partners' trust - and keep it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

It's time for musing on what exactly makes you, and partners, tick. Your psychological insights are likely to be good, if not spot on. They'll certainly be sharp enough to enable you to get the utmost from a coming deal. You can also, as it happens, do your best for partners.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You are often given little credit for your loyalty to your friends, in spite of your best efforts! Your commitment may be tested and, if you're typical of your sign, you'll be prepared to make allowances for others' little weaknesses. That sounds like good news.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Recent decisive moves have created waves in both your personal and professional life. You may feel a little vulnerable at work, but the way to succeed at the moment is to plan ahead as far as possible, in the knowledge that rivals are thinking only in the short-term.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

In a matter of days now you will have resolved a social dilemma. At the moment you should concentrate on strengthening your intuitions, and that includes trying to genuinely understand others' hidden feelings. You might not succeed, but you can at least try!

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EVIL

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to yesterday's puzzle

5	8	9	1	4	2	6	7	3
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9	6	4	5	1	3	7	8	2
2	1	5	7	8	9	3	4	6
8	7	3	2	6	4	1	5	9
7	9	1	4	5	6	2	3	8
6	4	2	3	7	8	9	1	5
3	5	8	9	2	1	4	6	7

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HMUTP

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When there weren't enough business-class seats, the baseball player said ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

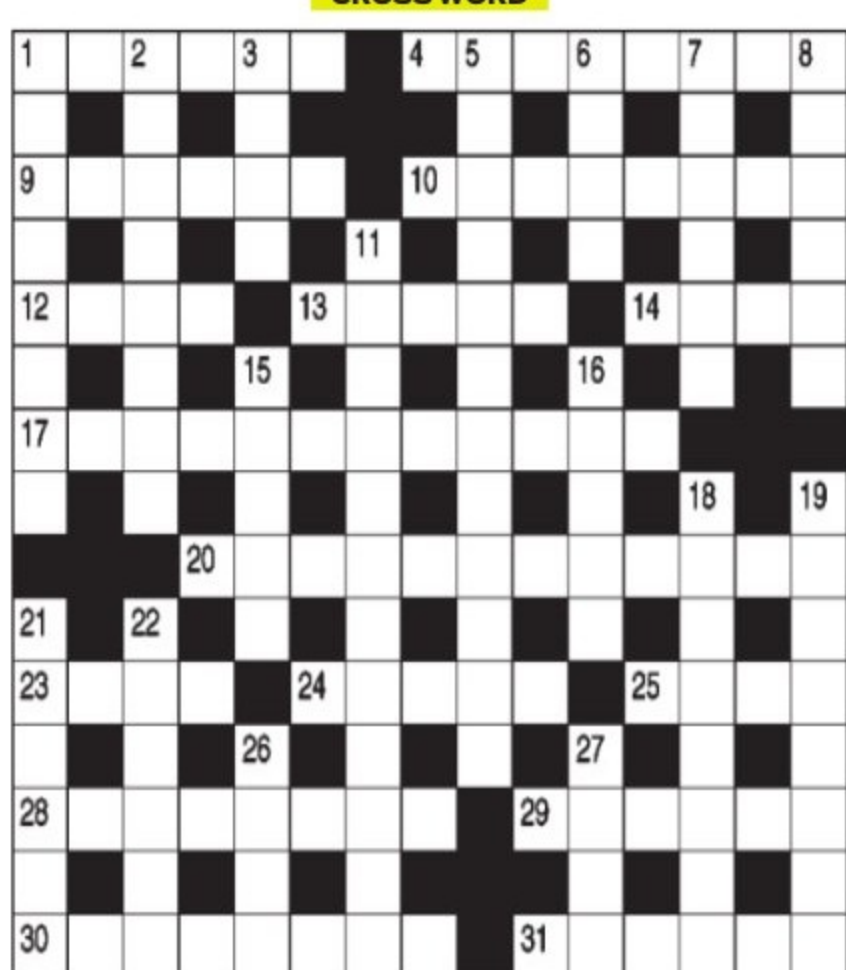
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Yesterday's

Jumbles: MOVIE LIMIT TANDEM WALNUT

Answer: Mother Nature would finish dampening the morning laws. --- ALL IN "DEW" TIME

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- A bit of a bloomer (letting it slip out) (6)
- The least expensive copy in the box (8)
- Close, so can back to a disturbance (6)
- Jam book behind piano (8)
- Similar to a family group (4)
- French and German articles appear below (5)
- Animal quarters perhaps (4)
- Times for recreation (7,5)
- They're put to work by turns (12)
- Not yet up in the garden (4)
- Leave word in France (5)
- You'd expect to see him in the height of fashion (4)
- Highly moral folk converted by Rasputin (8)
- Describes a struggle of some gavity (6)
- Defeated by the democratic process? (8)
- The unobscure way the wrong runway (6)

DOWN

- Hotel in new place on top of a mountain (8)
- Island in Asia perhaps in which a doctor turns up (8)
- Metal press (4)
- Fighting man audibly the worse for shouting? (5,7)
- An ecclesiastical recess (4)
- I grew angered about a pest (6)
- Close in an attempt to be fashionable (6)
- Missouri town gained by America in 1783 (12)
- Feeling the hump (5)
- Part of the body that's nothing to smile about? (5)
- Notaries perhaps from Spain (8)
- Employ completely and beneficially (8)
- Father's got up in posh style to see a poetess (6)
- The 'sno telling if this is to be kept (6)
- This man gets a seat (4)
- Additional wording put up over an arch maybe (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Score, 4 At heart, 8 Arc, 9 Right hook, 10 Believe, 11 Woods, 13 X-rayed, 15 States, 18 Steep, 19 Arrange, 21 Elongement, 23 Oil, 24 Dresser, 25 Rated.

Down: 1 Soapbox, 2 Oscillate, 3 Eerie, 4 Angler, 5 Hatchet, 6 Ado, 7 Takes, 12 Out and out, 14 Express, 16 Shelled, 17 Career, 18 Speed, 20 Rotor, 22 Ode.

NEW THERAPY AIDS RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

Found effective in patients having certain comorbid conditions, activates T cells

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

DOCTORS in Bengaluru are using immunomodulator drugs to treat Covid-19 patients, and the therapy has been found to be beneficial, particularly in cases of patients who have certain comorbid conditions.

Health professionals at Sagar group of hospitals in Bengaluru are using thymosin alpha-1, a type of peptide that functions as an immunomodulator and activates the T cells which help coordinate the body's immune responses.

The drug is delivered intravenously over seven days. Each dose costs Rs 1,300. It has been well-tolerated in moderate to critically ill patients.

Thymosin Alpha 1 has been used to activate, boost, or restore normal immune responses when diseases such as hepatitis, AIDS and SARS impair the immune system.

"It reduces the cytokine storm and ultimately reduces mortality in patients who are severely ill by restoration of exhausted T cells and reversal of lymphocytopenia. I have used this molecule in approximately 200 patients who have benefitted," Dr Ravi Kumar

Kumar, head of ICU and critical care at Sagar Group of Hospitals. Lymphocytopenia is a disorder in which the body doesn't have enough cells called lymphocytes which help protect the body from infection.

The drug was found to be beneficial in treating elderly Covid-19 patients, and those with comorbidities such as diabetes, hypertension, chronic kidney disease.



Thymosin alpha 1 is used as additional therapy given under the supervision of critical care specialists. It is a promising drug in the armamentarium against Covid-19

Dr Ravi Kumar,
Head of ICU, Sagar
Group of Hospitals

Patients who sought early medical help and who were given the drug did not need intubation or mechanical ventilation. "We could manage them with high flow nasal cannula (a type of oxygen therapy). I have used it on mild to moderate cases and it has helped prevent invasive ventilation in patients. The basic treatment for Covid-19 remains the same. Thymosin alpha 1 is used as additional therapy, to be administered under the supervision of critical care specialists," Dr Kumar said.

"It is a promising drug in the armamentarium against Covid-19," he said, but urged people to keep practising preventive measures such as physical distancing, wearing of masks and hand washing, and seek medical help early if they develop symptoms.

Mysuru armed with improved infra, experience to tackle second wave

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

WHILE there are fears of an imminent second wave of Covid infections, Mysuru district administration is hopeful of tackling it adequately with improved infrastructure and already acquired experience.

On Sunday, the district's Covid tally surpassed 50,000, making it the second district in the state to cross that mark.

However, there has been a marked improvement in the number of people discharged in the past 45 days, and active cases have dropped by over 90% compared to the numbers during the Dasara festival.

On October 17 (Dasara inau-

gural day), the active case count in the district was 7,246 while on November 22 the number had fallen to 683.

The possibility of second wave has many in Mysuru city worried as they have had a bitter experience with a high mortality rate and a huge spike in cases. However, senior district officials say they have learned from the experience and are hopeful of tackling a spike if it occurs.

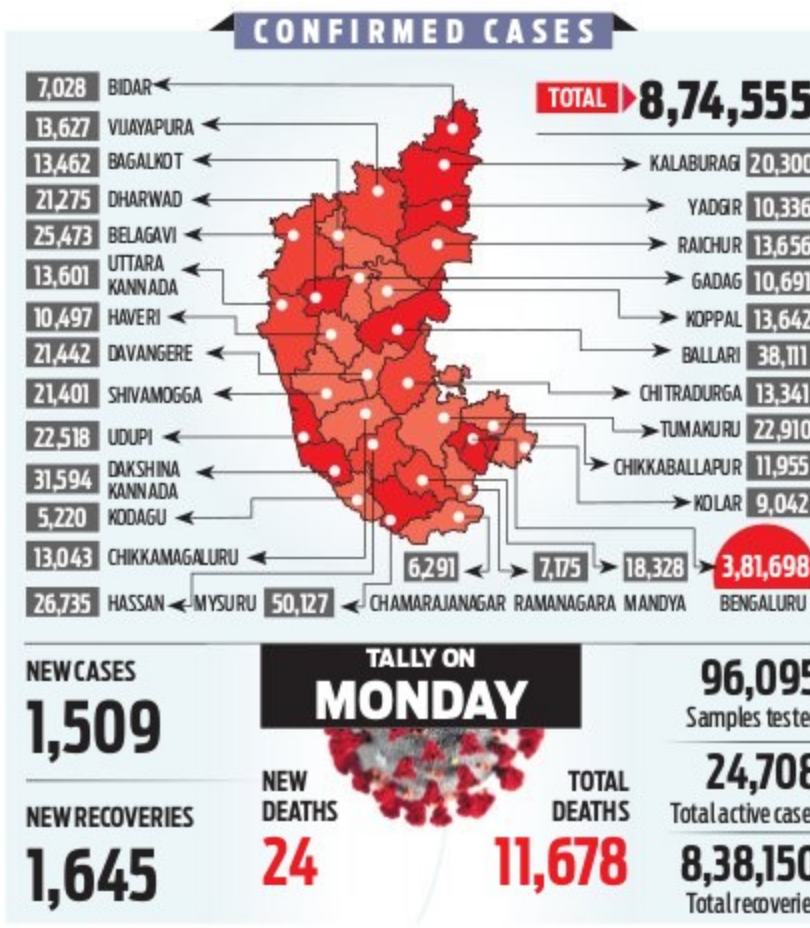
"We are in a better position to deal with the virus now, as we have improved health infrastructure and facilities," a senior health officer said.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri said

that aggressive testing is being done and that the district has adequate number of beds. "We are continuously monitoring the situation through review meetings. Over 4,000 tests are being done every day and government hospitals are equipped with oxygen and ventilators. In all, 2,500 beds are available in government and private hospitals. We have adequate strength of staff nurses and doctors as well," she said.

A public health expert pointed out that medical practitioners must begin preparing now as a second wave might coincide with the start of the flu season in December, which could put more strain on doctors who are already reeling under severe pressure.

A day after arresting former Congress MLA R Roshan Baig in the Rs 4,000 crore-IMA Ponzi scheme scam, the Central Bureau of Investigation conducted search operations at his house in Coles Park and office premises in Jayamahal in Bengaluru



MOULD ATTACK

Some Covid patients contract rare fungal disease

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

DOCTORS at different hospitals in the city have seen various facets of a rare and serious fungal infection occurring in Covid patients.

Mucormycosis is caused by a group of moulds called mucormycetes, which can enter the body through the air (via fungal spores) or the skin through a skin injury. They affect people who have health problems or people who take medicines that lower the body's immune system to fight germs and sickness. Symptoms include nasal discharge, abdominal pain, bleeding in the nose, eye movement restriction, and lung problems.

Doctors at Aster CMI have treated four patients aged above



Health workers collect swab samples at Kempegowda Bus Station | SHIRAN BN

60 who contracted the fungal infection. Two patients aged 60 and 65 years succumbed to the disease. "They were admitted for Covid-19, but in two days

their sugar levels and blood pressure shot up. They had a black nasal discharge, after which we did a CT scan and MRI which revealed the fungal

infection in the sinus cavities and a nasal biopsy confirmed it," said Dr Prateek Nayak, consultant for ENT surgery at Aster CMI Hospital.

"Mucormycosis is dreadful fungal infection. It attacks the blood vessels. It affects elderly people whose immunity is down. Steroids can also raise the risk of fungal infections," Dr Prateek said.

Dr Vivekanand Padegal, director of pulmonology at Fortis Hospital has found that diabetes are more susceptible to the fungus. "Uncontrolled diabetes can make patients vulnerable to the infection. Many Covid patients who have moderate to severe illness have poorly controlled diabetes, but it can affect people of any age. Treatment can last several weeks and re-

covery time is variable. It has a high mortality rate," he said.

Doctors at Apollo Hospital have also come across several patients who developed the disease. Dr Ravindra Mehta, chief of pulmonology, said they found it in patients who had been prescribed tocilizumab and remdesivir medications. "The infection mostly occurred after the second week of contracting Covid. It can also be diagnosed with a sputum test," he said.

Member of the state's Critical Care Support Unit and geriatric care expert Dr Anoop Amarnath said he had come across even people who recovered from Covid-19 contracting the fungal disease. "We see the infection in the nasal and ear cavities in a small percentage of Covid survivors," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. ANUPAMA. G.J. Aged about 43 years, W/o S.S. Suresh Chandra, Residing at Terna Bedd, Mandarhalli, Chikkaballapur-561211, is purchasing the schedule property from its owner SRI. G.UMASHANKAR, S/o Late Govindaswamy, aged about 44 Years, R/o No.32, New No.63, 11th B Cross, Kondanaramapuram, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, and has entered into Sale Agreement dated 06/11/2020. Anyone having any claim, right, interest or objections in respect of schedule property may contact the undersigned with documentary proof, within 10 days hereof, and after 10 days no claim will be considered, and my client will proceed with completion of sale transaction of the schedule property.

Schedule
All the piece and parcel of the residential site No.2, New BBMP Katha No.386/32/2, situated at Kodigehalli Extension, Kodigehalli, BBMP Ward No.08, formerly Site No.2, Katha No.32 in Survey No.32, (situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) measuring East to West: North side 38 feet, South Side 40 feet or (38+40)/2 ft and North to South 30 feet, totally 1170 sq.ft. along with 22 sq. 3 floor RCC House and bounded on East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Site No.1, South: Site No.3.

Sd/-
A.C. PATIL AND B REDDY, Advocates,
No.47, SR Plaza, 3rd Floor, DK Street,
Opp. Silsila Gardens, Shivajinagar,
Bengaluru-560001, Mobile 9448201361
EMAIL: id.banarjee@gmail.com
Place: Bengaluru Date: 23/11/2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from M/s INCLOVER CONSTRUCTIONS AND PROPERTY DEVELOPERS a Partnership Firm having its office at No. 111/B, Tuscany Signature, 1st Main 1st Stage, 1st Block, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560043. Represented by its Managing Partner Mr. Saif Naveem, having acquired the same through Joint Development Agreement, executed by Mrs. Sangeeta Kohli and Mrs. Sana Anis Alias Kavita Kohli, vide Document No. H.S-1-05195/2017-18 along with GPA vide Document No. H.S-4-20668/2017-18 both dated 09-02-2018. According to JDA, the below mentioned flats Property bearing Flat No. GF-001 (PID No. 91-77-28), measuring 2546+180 Sq.Ft. and Flat No. FF-101 (PID No. 91-77-28/3), measuring 2546+180 Sq.Ft. situated at Property bearing New Municipal No. 22 (Old No.1) Saunders Road, Halasuru, Bangalore. In this regard anybody having any objection, claim, right can contact us within 7 days from the date of this public notice, if any objections are not raised within stipulated period, my client shall proceed to purchase the below said Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Flat No. GF-001 (PID No. 91-77-28), measuring 2546+180 Sq.Ft. and Flat No. FF-101 (PID No. 91-77-28/3), measuring 2546+180 Sq.Ft. situated at Property bearing New Municipal No. 22 (Old No.1) Saunders Road, Halasuru, Bangalore-560005

SYED MUMTAZ
Advocate,
No. 75, H.K.P. Road, Shivajinagar,
Bengaluru-560011, Mobile: 9886325402
Place: Bengaluru Date: 24-11-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client SRI. L. Jayarama S/o late Lakshminarayana, Office at No.7, 8th Main, 2nd block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, has lost the Original document i.e., second copy of Sale deed dated 07.06.1996, vide Docu.No.1436/96-97, registered in Sub-Registered office, Kengeri, Bengaluru. This document lost while travelling in BMTCS Bus. In this regard my client have lodged police complaint on 19.11.2020. Any person found the above said document be pleased to return the same to the above mentioned Address or below office Address.

T.D. RAMACHANDRA, Advocate
No.47/5, 1st Floor, Prashanth Nagar,
Vasanthapura Main Road,
Bengaluru-560011, Ph. 9449825001.
Dated: 20-11-2020

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALURU

JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDINGS, 1st & 2nd FLOOR, NO.4, RESIDENCY ROAD, BANGALORE-560025
O.A NO:140/J2020

BETWEEN:
CANARA BANK, Cunningham Road Branch, Bengaluru-560001. ...Applicant
And:
M/s. Vibrant Images Pvt.Ltd., & Others ...Defendants

Summons issued under Rule 23 (VIII) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedural) Rules, 1993 by way of Substituted Service.
To,
Defendant Nos. 15, 22 & 37:
D16-Mr. Sudhakar.G, Aged about 40 years, S/o. M.Govind, C/o. Ganesan Pournaj, Flat No.F6 "Prabhavathi Rishab", 2nd A Main, 8th Cross, Roopena Agrahara, Madivala Post, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560088.

D-22-Mr. Anandan Muniswamy, Aged about 46 years, S/o. S.P.Munisiwamy, Residing at No.203, 2nd Floor, RRR Building, Old No.188, New No.3, 7th Cross, Hennur Main Road, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore-560084.
D-37-Mr. Murali Janaki, Aged about 43 years, S/o. Pullaiiah Janaki, C/o. Sri.L.Muthuraman, Flat No.G5 "Prabhavathi Rishab", 2nd A Main, 8th Cross, Roopena Agrahara, Madivala Post, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560088.

1. Whereas the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19, of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of Rs. 72,98,987/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Only) mentioned therein together with current and future interest pass and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at 10.30 a.m. or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal on 25-03-2021 to answer the claim. 2. You are directed to collect the annexure on your appearance before the Tribunal. 3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement. 4. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you appear before the Tribunal either in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed. 5. Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal, on this 13th day of November, 2020.
Sd/- Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bengaluru.

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The Last Date for Submission of sealed application is 15.00 Hours of 22.12.2020
Opening of Applications is at 15.15Hours on 22.12.2020

For further details, please contact the office of the undersigned on any working day (080-22875260)

The Application form, eligibility criteria and other details can be downloaded from: [website:www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://website.www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in)

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager,
Bangalore -560023
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client is desirous of purchasing the Schedule Property from its present owner SRI. R. Sreenath S/o late. M. Rama Subrahmanya, Aged about 72 years, Residing at House No-414, 9th A Main Road, Ganeshw. Nilaya, H.R.B.R. Layout, 1 Block, Kalyanagar, Bangalore-45. It is reported that the said owner has acquired the right, title and interest over the schedule property by virtue of registered sale deed dated 27th April 1998 vide document No. 414/1998-99, Volume: 1424, Pages: 199 to 200 of Book-I, dated 21st April 1998 in the office of the K. R. Puram, Bangalore.

Any person or persons asserting any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objection to such sale in favour of my client should lodge his/her/their objections, claims with supporting documents with the undersigned within TEN DAYS (10 Days) of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No-8 A.M-414, Block, situated at Hennur Road Banaswadi Road Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 12.20 Mtrs and North to South: 9.15 Mtrs and together with a building thereon and bounded on that:
East By : Site No-9 BM-413,
West By : 9th 'A' Main Road,
North By : Site No-9 AM-416
South By : Site No-9 AM-412
Thiendendra N. Katti
Kannur & Katti Legal, Advocates,
No.-4, 14 Cross, Vyaalkaval,
Bangalore -560 003
kattithiendendra@gmail.com
Place : Bangalore Date : 24-11-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients 1. Mr. NARESH CHOUDHARY and 2. Mr. MANI LAL, have negotiated to purchase the schedule property from
1. Mrs. VISHALAKSHMI SETTY,
2. Mrs. S. S. KRISHNAIAH SETTY,
3. Mr. S. S. JAYABALAJI SETTY,
4. Mr. S. S. RAMAKUMAR,
5. Mr. V. S. RAMESH,
6. Mr. V. S. KRISHNA MURTHY,
7. Mrs. N. G. GUNASHILA,
Their family members, financial institutions and the public are hereby notified that if anybody has any objections, claims, charges, lien etc., if any in respect of the schedule property may lodge their objections with documentary proof relied upon with the undersigned within Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable Commercial property bearing Municipal No.526, Corporation Ward No.109, Avenue Road, Bengaluru, having BBMP PID No. 28-2-526, measuring East to West: 57 feet, North to South: 13 feet, totally 741 Square feet comprising of a R.C.C. roofed building consisting of Ground, First, Second, Third and Fourth floors, with all civic amenities and bounded on:

East by : Common Passage; West by : Property of Subbaraju; North by : Ramesh Market; South by: Common Passage;
VENU GOPAL, L. Advocate,
No.8, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet,
Bengaluru-560 002. Mob: 9036494964

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients Sri Bharathiraja T and Smt. Manjupriya purchased the property more fully described in the Schedule from their previous owner DR. BHARATHI R KAMATH on 23/09/2017. Dr. Bharathi R Kamath had irrevocably sold the 1) Original Sale Deed dated 28/05/2009 executed by Smt. Nanjamma and others registered by their GPS holder Sri H.N.Narasimhamurthy in favour of Sri Rajesh Kumar Akkanna and Sri Chadavada Suresh registered as No. BGR-1-00480-2009-10 dated 01/06/2009 and stored in CO No. BGR-22, registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Begur (2) Original Sale Deed dated 01/03/2012 executed by Sri Rajesh Kumar Akkanna & Sri Chadavada Suresh in favour of Dr. Bharathi R. Kamath, registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Begur as No. BGR-1-10304-2011-12 and stored in CO No. BGRD 136 and she had lodged a public notice in this regard. A Public notice was also issued and published in Kannada Prabha and The New Indian Express on 30/07/2017. In the said Public Notice, the Names of Sri Rajesh Kumar Akkanna and Sri Chadavada Suresh in Sale Deed No. 00480/2009-10 was inadvertently mentioned as Sri Mahesh Kumar and Smt. Chadavada Vijayalakshmi.

If anyone finds the above documents, or if anyone is having these documents in their custody, the same may be handed over to the undersigned within Seven days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within Seven days from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients and would not be considered by my client.

This Public Notice is issued as a corrigendum to the Public Notice dated 30/07/2017.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 22, Khatwa No. 14/1, Property No. 14/1, situated at Naganthapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, Measuring East to West: 31 Feet and North to South: 48 Feet, totally measuring 1488 Sq Feet and bounded on as follows:
East by : Site No. 21
West by : Site No. 23
North by : Road
South by : Private Property.
J.N. ALASINGAR, Advocate
193, 5th Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 018. Mob: 9859441158
Dated: 23/11/2020

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(Government of Karnataka Autonomous Institute)
Byrasandra, Jayanagar East, Bengaluru - 560 011 Ph: 080-26564516, 26562500 Grams: SITO Fax: 26565222 E-mail: sitodirector@gmail.com
No: EST(5)/Temp/SR/22/2020-21 Dated: 23.11.2020

NOTIFICATION FOR WALK - IN - INTERVIEW
For the following posts on 01.12.2020 at 10:00 am

Name of the posts	No. of posts	Qualification	Consolidated Salary
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Sd/- Director
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APPENDIX- IV-A

[See Proviso To Rule 8 (6)]
Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Properties

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the South Indian Bank Ltd., Branch Electronic City (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken on 07.12.2018 by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited, Regional Office Bangalore (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on (Date of sale) 15.12.2020, for recovery of amount of Rs.1,44,11,227.06 as to the CCOL Limit (0492.83.21) in the name of M/s J.P. Collections and Rs.45,57,180.45 as to Housing Loan Limit (0492.655.91) in the name of Mrs. Poornima Christopher and Mr. Christopher T S both the amount as on 22.11.2020 due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Bangalore Electronic City (Secured Creditor) from (1) M/s. J. P. Collections, a partnership firm represented by its Partners Mrs. Poornima Christopher and Mr. Christopher T. S. No. 117/1, Doddakennalli, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapur Road - 560035 (2) Mrs. Poornima Christopher & (3) Mr. Christopher T. S., both of them residing at A, Flat 447, 4th Floor, Ranka Colony, Bilekahalli, Bannarghatta Main Road, Bangalore-560 076.

The reserve price will be Rs.99,00,000.00 (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakh only), and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.9,90,000.00 (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Thousand only).

SECURED ASSET

Equitable mortgage of residential plot No.80 measuring 2400 Sq Ft (east-west: 60 Feet, north-south-40 feet) in Green Vista Lay out BDA Katha KAM-AAA(POO)/80/Chikka Bellandur/14-15 No. 22/201,2/20,2/3 in Chikka Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli (Bangalore South Taluk) Now Bangalore East Taluk. Boundaries: East: Plot No 85, West: 40 feet road, North: Plot No:79, South: Plot No: 81. The property is covered by Sale deed No. 4878/2014-2015 dt.20.02.2015, Varthur SRO, Bangalore Urban and owned by Mrs Poornima Christopher.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com

Date : 23.11.2020
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O.S. No.291/2018
John Bruno
S/o. John Francis Xavier,
No. 5, Nithyanantha Puram, Middle Street, Tiruchirappalli.
Vs
Leena Mercy Felishia
W/o. John Bruno,
No. 100, 2nd Main MCOL Layout, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 76.
Plaintiff
Defendant

NOTICE
The above named plaintiff John Bruno have filed a suit against the defendant for the relief of declaration and other reliefs before the Principal District Judge Tiruchirappalli. The above case stands posted to 18.12.2020. On that date you may appear either in person or through your advocate at 10.30 A.M. before this Hon'ble court and

BSY, SANTHOSH MEET PRIVATELY, DISCUSS MINISTRY EXPANSION

Bypolls, bills may have also come up; BJP draws up panchayat poll strategy

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

EVEN as suspense over ministry expansion continues, BJP National General Secretary BL Santhosh held a meeting with Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa at his residence in Bengaluru on Monday.

According to sources, Santhosh visited Yediyurappa post lunch and interacted for more than half-an-hour with the CM. "No one else was allowed inside," sources in the Chief Minister's Office said. They are likely to have discussed cabinet expansion, inclusion of new members and dropping a few ministers, besides the party by-poll strategy and bills to be passed during the session, sources said.

The CM, who recently met party National President JP Nadda in New Delhi, is waiting for the high command's approval to go ahead with expansion. The number of legislators is increasing and there is intense lobbying by MLAs for seven vacant berths in the cabinet.

Earlier in the day, Santhosh took part in a party leaders' meeting on the upcoming Gram Panchayat elections. The Karnataka State Election Commission is likely to announce the election date by November-end.

BJP sources said it is surprising that Santhosh participated in the meeting. "In our party, though leaders from Karnataka are given higher responsibilities at the national level, they are in-

structed not to involve themselves in their home state affairs. However, Santhosh's participation seems to be a clear message to Yediyurappa that he has the upper hand in the state, even in panchayat elections," said sources.

After the meeting, BJP State President Nalin Kumar Kateel told reporters that the party is targeting to win 80 per cent seats. "We are adopting the Pancharatna and Panchasootra strategies. We will form a team of five (Pancharatna) — an SC/ST community member; woman, youth and other caste member — at each booth level," Kateel said.

The Pancharatna will work with 'page pramukhs', who will reach out to every voter of the panchayat. Under Panchasootra, BJP has set war rooms with call centres in every mandal and districts. Pancharatna teams will work under them. They will also organise Kutumba Milana, which are local get-togethers. "Our motto is, the workers should become leader. We have taken panchayat elections seriously," he added.

The party has formed six teams, each headed by ministers KS Eshwarappa, R Ashoka, Laxman Savadi, Jagadish Shettar and Govind Karjol, who will hold Gram Swarajya conventions at various places across the State. Each team has been given charge of five districts and will travel with local MPs, MLAs and ministers for five days, starting November 27.

If everything goes well, the cabinet will be expanded by the month-end. But if bypolls for Maski and Basavakalyan are announced, it will be delayed further
Sources

Higher-ups want 'balanced' cabinet

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE BJP high command in New Delhi is said to be taking time over the Karnataka cabinet composition, to ensure there is no regional imbalance when Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa gets the go-ahead. This is said to be one of the chief reasons for the delay.

Though news of cabinet expansion has been doing the rounds for several months, nothing materialised. Yediyurappa and Deputy CM Govind Karjol visited Delhi, but returned without getting approval.

Later, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi visited Delhi, and even told reporters that all those who had helped form the government would get their due, but nothing happened. On Sunday, Yediyurappa's son BY Vijayendra too visited Delhi.

Currently, the cabinet has seven ministers from Bengaluru and four from Belagavi district, while many districts in North and South Karnataka remain unrepresented. With Muniratna's victory from RR Nagar, and MLCs Vishwanath, CP Yogeshwar and others joining the list of aspirants, the exercise looks tough.

A senior BJP leader told TNIE, on condition of anonymity, that Muniratna's induction would put the number of ministers from Bengaluru at eight, which is over 25 per cent of the cabinet berths.

Belagavi too has heavy representation

The party high command is taking time so as to give equal representation to MLAs, both region-wise and caste-wise. Those likely to be dropped are CC Patil, Shashikala Jolle from Belagavi, and V Somanna or S Suresh Kumar from Bengaluru.



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Nalin Kumar Kateel, BJP state prez

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

HAND OVER AKSHAYA PATRA TO ADMINISTRATOR: LAHAR SINGH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AN independent inquiry panel should look into the allegations made against the Akshaya Patra Foundation (APF) by its former trustees, BJP MLC Lahar Singh Siroya has demanded.

"I was very disturbed to read serious charges of misuse of power, misappropriation of resources and mixing up of accounts levelled against the Akshaya Patra Foundation by its former trustees," Siroya stated in a letter to the Chairman APF and ISKCON Bengaluru, Madhu Pandit Dasa, suggesting that the administration of the mid-day meal programme be handed over to an independent administrator till the probe is completed.

Appreciating the APF for instituting an inquiry by a two-member committee headed by former Chief Vigilance Commissioner K V Chowdary, Siroya said there could be a conflict of interest as Chowdary and the other member of the panel, M S Unni Krishnan, former CMD of Thermax, were appointed non-executive trustees of the board when it was reconstituted recently.

"I do not for a moment suspect the professional integrity of these two gentlemen, (but) there may be a conflict of interest here. In the best interest of justice, it would be better that the probe panel have men/women of equal high calibre but with no past or present association with either the foundation or ISKCON, Bengaluru," he stated.



Siroya suggested that the APF chairman should consult the Chief Justice of India or Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court in appointing the inquiry panel, which should be independent as charges made are against the chairman and his colleagues at the mission. "It may not be ethical or appropriate for you to be both prosecutor and judge at this juncture," Siroya has told Madhu Pandit Dasa.

APF panel report within four weeks

The APF stated that the two-member committee, headed by former CVC KV Chowdary, will look into all the issues raised by former trustees and audit committee members. "The committee will review the observation of the erstwhile audit committee and those in the communications received from former trustees and submit a comprehensive report after thoroughly examining all the issues raised within four weeks," the APF stated.

'Revise meal compensation'

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka HC on Monday directed the State government to take a relook into measures proposed to compensate midday meals, which are not distributed to children as schools are closed.

"Prima facie, we are of the view that the compensatory measure proposed to be taken by the state may not be consistent with midday meal rules. The state government may have to relook," a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreenivas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar said, after going through the additional affidavit filed by SR Umashankar, principal secretary, department of primary and secondary education.

The bench orally observed that the state should compensate children under provisions of the National Food Security Act, by quantifying the compensation equivalent to the cost of items used for meals with cost of cooking.

Unhappy with the compensation, the bench warned of initiating action against officials who failed to provide meals, saying it is gross violation of Article 21 of the Constitution. Government advocate Vikram Huilgol explained the manner in which compensation was calculated. The case was adjourned to November 30.

Cong MLC urges govt to give funds for corporations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WHILE the State government has recently announced development corporations for various communities, a Congress legislator accused it of not allocating funds for the already established corporations for the welfare of backward classes.

Congress MLC P R Ramesh said it was unfortunate that the State government was constituting development corporations for some communities for political reasons instead of taking up initiatives for the development of economically, politically, socially and educationally backward communities in the state.

The BJP government is not al-

locating funds for the development of backward classes like the Savita Samaj or Kumbhara or coming up with any long-term programmes for their welfare, he said. The Siddaramaiah government had allocated Rs 400 crore for backward classes welfare programmes and the Congress had taken a number of initiatives, he added.

The government must identify backward communities on priority and take appropriate measures for their overall development, he said.

Demanding that the government constitute Tigalga Development Corporation, Ramesh said the community has contributed significantly for the development of Bengaluru.



Newly-elected MLAs N Muniratna and Dr Rajesh Gowda take oath in the presence of Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri at Vidhana Soudha on Monday | EXPRESS

Govt favouring Adani, says AAP

Bengaluru: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has demanded that the government roll back the recent power tariff hike, and also alleged that the BJP government is favouring the Adani Group. AAP state convener Prithvi Reddy told reporters on Monday that a 600-MW unit of Udipi Power Corporation, commissioned in 2010, was purchased by Adani in 2014. Of its 2,000-MW capacity, 1,800 MW is purchased by the government. Reddy said that as per the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, the annual average increase should be less than 2 per cent, but there is a 42 per cent rise over the past two years. AAP also asked for an independent audit of all power purchase contracts and bills with Adani. ENS

BJP leader Basanagouda Turviha, who lost in the 2018 Assembly elections from Maski, joined the Congress in the presence of KPCC President DK Shivakumar, in Bengaluru, on Monday



CBI officials raid former Congress MLA Roshan Baig's house a day after he was arrested for his alleged involvement in the multi-crore IMA scam, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN



IMA scam: CBI officials raid Roshan Baig's residence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A DAY after arresting former Congress MLA Roshan Baig in the Rs 4,000 crore I Monetary Advisory (IMA) ponzi scheme scam, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted search operations at his house in Coles Park and official premises in Jayamahal in the City.

According to sources, the CBI team from New Delhi began the searches around 6.30 am, which continued till evening.

Baig was summoned by the CBI on Sunday on alleged "material evidence" against him and was grilled for several hours after which the CBI ar-

rested him. He was produced before the court, which remanded him to 14-day judicial custody. Baig was taken for a medical examination and tested for Covid-19. He had tested negative for the virus. He has been lodged in the quarantine centre at the Bengaluru Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara.

Baig, a former Shivajinagar heavyweight Congress politician, was disqualified from the party last year over anti-party activities. He is the first politician to be arrested in the IMA scam case. MD and founder of IMA Mohammed Mansoor Khan had last year alleged that Baig and some other politicians and officers had cheated him.

Khan has been lodged in judicial custody at the Bengaluru Central Prison after he was arrested in July last year on his return from Dubai. The CBI had obtained his custody on November 21. He was produced before the court on Monday and on CBI plea that his custodial interrogation was further necessary, his CBI remand was extended till November 27.

The CBI had filed supplementary charge-sheet against two serving IPS officers — IGP Hemant Nimbalkar and SP, KSRP, Ajay Hilori — among others in the multi crore scam in which thousands of gullible investors lost their money after being duped on assurance of high returns.

Vokkaliga Board a must: Ashwath



Tumakuru: Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said here on Monday that with boards and corporations of various communities being set up, the Vokkaliga Development Corporation must also be set up on the lines of the Veerashaiva Lingayat corporation. "When there is a corporation for a language (Marathi) and a community, the aspirations of Vokkaligas must also be met, there is no way out," he told

reporters after inspecting offline classes at Government Arts College of Tumkur University. "Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will continue in his post and there is no confusion. The matter concerns the CM and party high command," he said, in reply to a query. Asked about the delay in cabinet expansion, he said it is better if the question is posed to the CM. ENS

EXPRESS READ

Cong charge on power purchase false: govt

Bengaluru: The State government on Monday refuted allegations by the Congress that it was incurring huge losses due to unnecessary purchase of power. "This is a simplistic claim that the State is losing money by making payments of Rs 11,000 crore. It is based on wrong assumptions," the government stated. Steps have been taken to delay fresh capacity addition, ensure integration of renewables in the grid, minimise payments for unutilised power and ensure stable and reliable power to all, it stated. KPCC working president Eshwar Khandre demanded a probe into purchase of power from outside. The state had incurred loss of Rs 15,000 crore, he stated. ENS

CM's Medal conferred on forest staffers

Bengaluru: Facilities and privileges which are given to the police should also be given to forest officials as they are doing everything they can to protect the forests and the environment, Forest Minister Anand Singh said on Monday. He was speaking on the sidelines of giving the Chief Minister's Medal to 75 forest officials after a gap of three years - 2017-19 - 25 for each year. It was conferred upon 15 range forest officers, 22 deputy range forest officers, 23 guards, 12 watchers, one Dalayat, one mahout and one driver. Chief minister B S Yediyurappa said forest and environment protection was "crucial" in a state which has the largest chunk of the Western Ghats and which also has 35% of land area arid. ENS

JD-Yes! Forget the past, Kumaraswamy cosying up to BJP again

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

The Janata Dal (Secular), which has the task of keeping its flock together and retaining its identity base in the state, has started cosying up to the BJP.

This has not surprised its cadres nor the political circles. The renewed bonhomie has gained momentum with former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy's frequent visits to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's official residence, ostensibly to discuss development issues.

The reasons for this newfound friendship, according to sources, are the party's loss in both Sirsa and RR Nagar seats in its strong Vokkaliga backyard, lack of resources and not having a second-line leadership.

This has also taken their love-hate relationship into another phase with the BJP extending support to JDS to help take control of the Mandya DCC Bank to keep their common enemy Congress out of power.



The JDS' poor performance in both RR Nagar and Sirsa is seen as a tacit understanding to transfer its votes to the BJP. Kumaraswamy who waged a serious battle against BJP after the collapse of the 2020 government has apparently melted down due to the challenge of dissent within his party. The party lost its MLAs A H Vishwanath, Narayana Gowda, Goapliah as they defected to BJP to topple the JDS-Congress coalition government. Another party MLA G T Deve Gowda has maintained

distance and some legislators are grumbling as they could not develop their constituencies.

Knowing their strengths and weaknesses, the JDS leadership is being compelled to go with the way the wind blows for the moment to buy them time, rethink or bounce back at an appropriate time.

JDS leaders said they are more comfortable with the BJP as the saffron party does not have a base in the constituencies falling in old Mysuru region. In many of the seats, the JD(S) is in

a keen contest with Congress.

On the other hand, BJP leaders who ditched JDS to install the new government are not happy with the developments. MLC A H Vishwanath said that Kumaraswamy is known to look for seasonal friends.

Former minister Sa Ra Mahesh said after the bypolls, JDS will introspect and decide on its future course. He said though they had made honest efforts in Sirsa, they could not get to the finishing line.

Political commentator Prof

Muzaffar Asadi said the JDS is facing a fundamental crisis and most of its strong pockets are encroached by BJP. Knowing that JDS MLAs may be poached or may cross over any moment in the interest of development or unhappy with the leadership, Kumaraswamy is renewing the bonhomie as there is a trust deficit due to a history of heartburn between the parties, he said. Asadi said the BJP will not trust the JDS leadership and knows the deep threat to that party's existence.

Ballari miner's son missing for a month

Wife suspects kidnap, role of business partners; CCTV footage shows he was last seen near Tungabhadra canal

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

THE mystery of a missing businessman from Hosapete, in Ballari district, continues to fox the police. Pradeep G (32), son of a mining firm owner, has been missing for 28 days.

Pradeep's family members met senior officers of the police department on Monday, requesting them to speed up investigation.

They suspect that he may

have been kidnapped.

Pradeep, son of Surendra G, who owns Banashankari Mines Private Limited in Hosapete, had told his family members that he was going out to meet a friend.

He left on his bike on October 26, and has so far remained untraced. His mobile phone is switched off and his two-wheeler has not been found either. His family is yet to hear from him.

The family lodged a missing complaint two days after he disappeared.

"My husband has not returned, and the family is living in tension. Our eight-year-old daughter does not eat properly, which is adding to our worries," Pradeep's wife told the mediapersons.

His wife suspects the role of his business partners in his disappearance. "Pra-

deep had started a partnership with a few people. Before he went missing, he received a call from one of them," she said.

"We have collected CCTV footage from private firms and handed it over to police to aid in investigation, but they haven't been able to find Pradeep," said a close relative.



Pradeep G



GOING GREEN

In a bid to reduce traffic and pollution on Church Street, e-autorickshaws ply on the busy stretch as part of the Clean Air Street initiative taken by UK's Catapult network and Karnataka's Directorate of Urban Land Transport | MEGHANA SASTRY

Take call on spl courts on cases against netas: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

The High Court on Monday orally asked the state government to take a decision to set up one more special court immediately to try criminal cases pending against MLAs, MLCs and MPs.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi directed the state government to place on record the prosecutors appointed by it for cases pending before the special court since the cases are sensitive in nature.

The bench, which was hearing a suo motu PIL based on the directions of the apex court, said that it would have to deal with the implementation of the Witness Protection Scheme 2018 and expeditious disposal of cases before the special court, on December 1, the next date of hearing. The SC had asked the state governments to look into the issue of setting up one more special court for speedy disposal based on the number of pending cases.

Hence, the high court had asked the state to take immediate decision in this regard.

CRIME PATROL

Gold smuggling racket: Jeweller served notice

Bengaluru: City Market police, who had busted a gold smuggling bid recently, issued a notice to the owner of SS Jewellers, Nagarpeta, to appear before them. On November 21, police had arrested two men for carrying 6.55 kg of unaccounted gold. Preliminary investigation had revealed that the gold belonged to SS Jewellers, whose owner Vijay Singh lives in Mumbai. "We have issued Singh a notice to appear before police," an officer said. Singh is yet to respond to the notice, and he has to come from Mumbai. "We have asked him to present documents and valid bills for the seized gold," police said. On Friday, constables Hanumantha and Ananda uncovered a large haul of gold jewellery near Doddpet Circle, when they intercepted two suspicious people. The cops seized around 6.55 kg gold – including 65 gold necklaces, seven pairs of gold bangles, and 150 small earrings – from them and arrested Dalpath Singh (34) from Mumbai, and his associate Vikas Lal (35) from Rajsthan. The constables immediately alerted their superiors, who rushed to the spot and took the suspects into custody.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@Kalaburagi

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According to the couple,

they were taken to the station by policemen and tortured over their son Ayyappa's marriage with a girl from an upper caste, living in Kalaburagi district. Tukaram stated that Ayyappa and the girl had left home and got married in a temple, and had not returned.

The girl's parents lodged a

missing complaint with the police on November 18, following which Tukaram and Sujatha were summoned from their native town of Indi in Vijayapura district. Tukaram requested higher-ups in the police department to inquire into the matter and protect his son Ayyappa.

Meanwhile, leaders of some Dalit organisations

Rly cops rescue 2 boys who escaped from bonded labour

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@Bengaluru

TWO minor boys from Odisha, who were employed at a brick factory on the outskirts of Bengaluru, made good their escape and reached the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station by walking for an entire day.

A railway police officer spotted the boys on Platform 8 of the station on Sunday, and the Railway Protection Force's 'Nanhe Farishtey' team facilitated their return home through the State Child Welfare Committee.

The boys, aged 11 and 14, were brought from Puri to Bengaluru a year ago by one Bulegama, who promised their families that they would be given jobs in the fisheries industry with a salary of ₹10,000 each.

"The woman paid ₹2,000 to the widowed mother of the older boy, while the parents

of the younger boy were given ₹10,000 as advance," a senior RPF officer told *The New Indian Express*.

The boys were brought to Bengaluru by train and taken to the brick factory.

"It was long hours of labour with all communication cut off with the outside world. They were given food, but not allowed to step outside the premises. No money was given to them. When the duo insisted on returning home, their employer beat them up," the official said.

The boys plotted their escape, and one of them feigned illness on Saturday.

"The person working with them went to the factory owner to report the matter when they fled. They had no clue where they worked, but by asking directions, they managed to reach the KSR station," the official said.

The boys have now been handed over to the Child Welfare Committee.



Cops beat up Dalit couple over son's marriage

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Meanwhile, leaders of some Dalit organisations

visited the hospital and demanded stern action against the police personnel who had beaten up the couple.

When *The New Indian Express* contacted Kalaburagi Police Commissioner Sateesh Kumar, he said that he had heard about the incident, but no complaint had been filed as yet.

An inquiry would be held when a complaint is filed, he said.

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TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002
Whereas Borrower: Mr. G.T. Eshwar, S/o, Tippaiah, Co-Borrower: Mrs. M. Sudha, W/o, G.T. Eshwar, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, Yelahanka Branch (now the account transferred to ARB Bangalore) against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on 19-12-2019 calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide Loan Account No. 2581890000379 being Rs. 23,36,634/- on 05-12-2019 together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on 17-07-2020 under Section 13(4) of the Act.
Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in "As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition" under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts due to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide Loan Account No. 2581890000379 being Rs. 23,36,634/- as on 05-12-2020.

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	29-12-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	Rs. 8,80,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs and Eighty Thousand Only)
Reserve Price	Rs. 88,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E-Tenders	28-12-2020, 04.00 P.M
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	Rs. 25,000/-

Description of Property:

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 4, formed in converted property Sy No. 47/1, situated at Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk presently proposed under the limits of BBMP.

Measuring:-
East to West: 64 feet North to South: 25 feet
Totally measuring: 1600 Sq.ft., and bounded on:-
East by: Road West by: Property of Sri. Balanna North by: Remaining Portion of Sy.No. 47/1 South by: Property of Sri. Muralidhar

Terms and Conditions

The intending bidders of the property should send their bids in the prescribed tender form in a closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the reserve price by means of RTGS / NEFT / DD / Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of "Repco Home Finance Limited" payable at Bengaluru or on the website WWW.Bankeauctions.com. Tender form not in the prescribed format will not be accepted.

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, Bengaluru Branch, on all working days between 10 A.M to 5 P.M. Contact Nos. 080-41233109, 99667-72220.
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 17-11-2020

Repco Home Finance Limited

ODISHA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)
SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR-751002
E-Mail: mdooscltd456@gmail.com,
Website: http://www.osscltd.in

No.Mktg. 19

Date. 20.11.2020

TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR DISPOSAL OF NON SEEDS DURING 2020-21
CAD-799: Sealed tenders are invited in prescribed format only from intending tenderers for disposal of non seeds available at Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Bhawanipatna, Bargarh, Balasore, Boudh, Cuttack and Jeypore Zones of OSSC Ltd, as per the details attached with the tender schedule. The tender papers and other details can be downloaded from the website of OSSC Ltd i.e. www.osscltd.in on any working day from 10.00 A.M to 5.30 P.M during the period from 24.11.2020 to 14.12.2020.

Sd/-

Managing Director

OSSC Ltd, BBSR

OIPR 01045/11/0017/2021

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS - TWO COVER - ITEMWARR TENDER SYSTEM
Second call (Short Term Tender)

IFB No.	F.Sivagangai CWSS /DO I / CW /2020 /DT : 21.11.2020
Fund	Loan under NABARD NIDA (Year 2020-21 to 2022-23) & State Share (under MNP)
Eligibility	Registered Class I Bidders
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.1/1,Sambakulam, Ganesh Nagar, Mattuthavani, Madurai-625007
Sale of Bid& Place of Sale	24.11.2020 to 07.12.2020 upto 17.45 hours at O/o the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Sivagangai, Tamilnadu by cash or by Demand Draft Rs.1000+ GST in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Sivagangai payable at Sivagangai.
Downloading website	(Free of cost) at www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in
Pre Bid meeting	01.12.2020 at 11.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	09.12.2020 before 15.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee in person or through post. This office will not be held responsible for postal delay, if any.
Bid opening	09.12.2020at 15.30 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore including GST)	Bid security (Rs.in lakh)
1	CWSS to 3 Municipalities, 8 TP and 2452 Rural Habitations in Sivagangai District with river Cauvery as source including maintenance for a period of 5 years. (Period of completion - 30 months)		
2	Package - III - Gravity Feeder Main - I and allied works	391.50	196.00
3	Package IV - Gravity Feeder Main - II and allied works	350.50	176.00

Chief Engineer (I/c), TWAD Board, Madurai

DPRI 4364 /TENDER/2020

SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, undersigned counsel for the petitioner herewith file a case on behalf of the petitioner **Ahamad sharif and others**, vs respondent the Commissioner, Registrar of Births and Deaths, BBMP Bangalore at 36th floor, B-Block, c.m.s.c regarding the death of deceased name as **BI BI JAN WIS PABU SAB** expired on 05-05-2007 at the date 24-11-2020 at about 11:00 AM inform to show cause against the petitioner, failing where in the appearance will be heard and declare an Expiry. Any person interested to file their objection in the matter within 7 days before the court as above ordered.

E. MANJUNATH, Advocate
No. 04, 3rd floor, MGS Building, Sree Park Road, Behind Nataraaj Theatre, Sheshadrapuram, Bangalore 560020. Mob: 9417177751
Date: 21-11-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Mrs. Syeda Mahera Nousheen wife of Mr. Rehman Mahmood Shaikh representing herself as the absolute owner of immovable property bearing Site No. 365 (layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority in Sy.No. 22/1 of K. Narayanaswamy Village), situated at 6th Block, Arkavathy Layout, Bangalore, which is mortgaged described in the Schedule given hereunder have agreed to enter into an Agreement to Sell with my client agreeing to sell the same for a valuable sale consideration. The said title holder further represents that she is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property which is free and discharged of all charges, claims / clogs, litigations and she has not created any charge, encumbrance, lien or mortgage and there is no existing agreement/s over the Schedule Property.

It is therefore notified to the General Public that any person's having objections or claims or contractual obligations or any manner of right, title or interest either on whole or portions in the form of undivided interest over the Schedule property may lodge their claim with all supporting documents with the undersigned within (10) Ten days from the date of publication of the Public Notice.

Any claims / objections raised or filed after the said date will not be entertained and not binding on my client and my client will be entitled to treat that there are no objections and the Schedule Property is free from encumbrance and claims and proceed with the sale contract.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF immovable property bearing Site No. 365 (layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority in Sy.No. 22/1 of K. Narayanaswamy Village), situated at 6th Block, Arkavathy Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West 6.00 mtrs and North to South 9.00 mtrs, totally measuring 54.00 sq. mtrs.

BOUNDED ON THE:
East by : Site bearing No. 364, West by : Site bearing No. 366, North by : Road, South by : Private Property

Sd/- **VANIS ALI**, Advocate
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EXPRESS READ

Elavarasi pays ₹10 crore fine, to be freed too

Bengaluru: A week after the legal team of expelled AIADMK leader VK Sasikala paid ₹10 crore as fine to court, family members and advocates of her sister-in-law Elavarasi paid a similar amount to the court on Monday.

Elavarasi is currently serving a four-year jail term and is lodged at Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara along with Sasikala and VN Sudhakaran, in a disproportionate assets case. The court had levied a penalty of ₹10,00,00,000 each on the trio. Last week, Sasikala's advocates had submitted four DDs to court. It is said that Sudhakaran's fine will also be paid in a few days. All three are set for release on Jan 27.

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Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on 12-08-2020 under Section 13(4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in "As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition" under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts due to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide Loan Account No. 2581820000028 being Rs.4,87,913/- as on 07-11-2020.

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	29-12-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	Rs. 2,56,900/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand and Nine Hundred Only)
Reserve Price	Rs. 25,69,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs and Sixty Nine Thousand Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E-Tenders	28-12-2020, 04.00 P.M
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	Rs. 10,000/-

Description of Property:

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Grama Khata No. 26/1 Northern Portion of Site No. 70, situated at Shrigandhakavulu Village presently comes under the jurisdiction of Rajarajeshwari Nagarashabe, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.

Measuring:

East to West: 40 feet North to South: 15 feet
totally measuring 600 Sq.ft., and bounded on the:
East by: Passage West by: Site No. 69 North by: Main Road South by: Southern Site No. 70

2) Whereas Borrower: Mrs. P. Shivamma, W/o, P. Gurulingaiah, Co-Borrower -I: Mr. G. Guru, S/o, P. Gurulingaiah, Co-Borrower -II: Mr. P. Gurulingaiah, S/o, Puttaswamaiah, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, Banasankari Branch (now the account transferred to ARB Bangalore) against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on 29-08-2019 calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide Loan Account No. 2581870000005 being Rs.70,09,313/- on 02-08-2019 together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on 28-09-2020 under Section 13(4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in "As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition" under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts due to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide Loan Account No. 2581870000005 being Rs.80,76,143/- as on 07-11-2020.

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	29-12-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	Rs.9,30,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs and Thirty Thousand Only)
Reserve Price	Rs.93,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakhs Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E-Tenders	28-12-2020, 04.00 P.M
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	Rs. 25,000/-

Description of Property:

All that piece and parcel of property bearing BBMP Katha No. 1235, Sy.No. 34/1, converted as residential land vide conversion order No. ALLSR46/2012-13, situated at Pattandur Agrahara, Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 85 ft and North to South 197 feet totally measuring 16745 Sq.ft., Less 33 X 85 = 2805 Sq.ft., left for Road widening and remaining 13940 Sq.ft., and the apartment constructed thereon known as "Max Sunflower" bounded on:

East: C S Adam's Property West: Blind School Trust property North: Blind School Trust property South: Road

SCHEDULE B:-

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. A-103, First Floor measuring Super built up area of 1800 Sq.ft., along with proportionate share in common areas along with 2.5% or 348.5 Sq.ft., of undivided share right, title, interest and ownership in the land of Schedule 'A' property and the project known as "Max Sunflower" an undivided share of 2.5% or 348.5 ft. Undivided share in the schedule "A" Property, which is required for the apartment bearing No.A-103 measuring 1800 Sft, constructed on first floor of multi-storied building known as "Max Sunflower"

3) Whereas Borrower: Mr. M. Sudhakar, S/o, Srinivasu Maripati, Co-Borrower: Mrs. S. Kushboo, W/o, M. Sudhakar, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, Yelahanka Branch (now the account transferred to ARB Bangalore) against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on 15-11-2019 calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide Loan Account No. 2581890000374 being Rs.15,68,862/- on 06-11-2019 together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on 15-09-2020 under Section 13(4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in "As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition" under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts due to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide Loan Account No. 2581890000374 being Rs.18,28,343/- as on 07-11-2020.

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	29-12-2020,
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Canara Bank

BANGALORE CANTONMENT II
No.109, St Johns Road,
Bangalore - 560042
Mobile : 9449860015
E-Mail : cb10406@canarabank.com

SALE CANCELLATION NOTICE

The sale notice dated 20.10.2020 issued under SARFAESI Act 2002 by the **Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, Bangalore Cantonment-II Branch** for the properties mortgaged to **Smt.Suma, W/o.Late Shivraj B V**, published in this Newspaper on 21.10.2020, Page No.16, Sl No.6 is hereby withdrawn and the e-auction scheduled for 27.11.2020 stands cancelled.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 23.11.2020

Authorized Officer:
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of our client **Ms. Sabeetha Tabassum**, to bring to the notice of the general public that the **original registered rectification deed** dated 19.06.2006, bearing Doc.No. BAS-11/0706/2006-07, Book 1, CD No. BAS0250, in the office of Bangalore South Sub-Registrar, Bangalore, was lost.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the above mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Property bearing portion Site No. 3, measuring EW: 27 ft. and NS: 16 ft. total measuring 432 sq.ft. situated at Yelkute Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and bounded on: East by: Site No. 4 belongs to Gopi, West by: 10 ft. Passage, North by: Portion of Site No. 3 belongs to Marju, South by: Portion of Site No. 3 belongs to Manjunath N.

M.N. Raju Naik, Advocate
403, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Kamalaganga, Bangalore - 560 079. Mob: 9008525599
rajuadvocate@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby notified that my clients **Smt. M. G. Manjula, Smt. Roopa S. Smt. Shilpa S and Sri Chidananda S** intends to purchase Schedule Property from its owner **Sri D. R. Raghavendra S/o Sri D. R. Renu** as such any body having any objection, claim of whatsoever nature pertains to the Schedule Property with respect to ownership, right, title and interest of any nature shall raise objection along with documentary proof to the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the date of this notice, otherwise my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Residential BDA Property No. 502, Municipal No. 36, BBMP PID No.22-03-86 Situated at 64th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Presently Vests within the revenue Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.108, and bounded on **East by:** Property No. 503, West by: Road, North by: Property No. 521 and South by: Road.

RAGHAVENDRA S.C. Advocate
No. 2968, 2nd Floor, 13th Main, Near Kuvempu Road Metro Station D-Block, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560010. Mob: 9036286016.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my clients **Sri. TAPAN KUMAR SANTRA alias TAPAN SANTRA and Smt. DIPSA SANTRA** is intending to purchase a property fully described in the schedule hereunder and has entered into a Sale Agreement with the landowners **Sri RAJCHANDRA M. S/o. Sri R. Muthappa Reddy**. Any person having any kind of right, interest or claim may lodge their objections in writing with documentary proof within 15 days to the undersigned from the date of publication of this notice. If any kind of Objection is not received, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property in accordance with law. Any claim received thereafter will not be entertained or considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House Site No.383/38, V.P. Khata No.1065, situate at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently BBMP Form-B Khata SI.No.1431, Property No.1065/383/38, Hulimavu Village, Arakere Ward No.133, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, 1200 Square Feet, together with residential building consisting of First, Second, Third & Fourth Floor, with all civic amenities and a lift facility, bounded on the: East by : Property bearing House List No.383/37 North by : Property bearing House List No.383/39 belongs to Sri. Gopalakrishna South by: Hulimavu Main Road

D. SRINIVASA, Advocate.
No.13, 3rd Cross, Journalist Colony, Bangalore-560002. Mobile: 9886047740
Date: 23-11-2020

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE
No.4, 1st Floor, 'Jeevan Mangal' (L.C Building), Registrar Road, Bangalore-560 025.

O.A. No. 579/2019
Between: City Union Bank Ltd., Indiranagar Branch... Applicant
And: R. Vishalakshi & others... Defendants
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VI) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
Whereas the applicant has instituted original Application under Section 19 of Recovery Of Debts Due To Banks and Bankruptcy Act 1953 against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 30,71,868.30 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight and Thirty Paise Only)** in respect of A/C No.139120000124562 and Rs. 6,87,115.11 (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Fifteen and Eleven Paise Only) in A/C No. 501812080020103 in all a sum of Rs. **37,58,983.41** as on 28/02/2019 to the Applicant Bank being the amount due in respect of the overdraft loan and personal loan facility together with current and future interest @ 15% per annum with compounded monthly rests from the date of the application till realization and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant/s is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent of his /her defense to show cause on **01-03-2021** at 10:30 am to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take summons that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and by the seal of this Tribunal on 06-11-2020

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal-I/Bangalore.

To, Defendants No. 1, 2 and 3
1. Mrs. R. Vishalakshi, W/o K. Devaraj, No.51/57-1, Kalavani Nilayam, 20th B Cross, 21st Main, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.
And also at No. 137, Vimala Arcade, Double road junction, BEML, Main Road, 4th Stage, R.R. Nagar, Bangalore-560098.
2. D. Kannan, S/o K. Devaraj, No.51/57-1, Kalavani Nilayam, 20th B Cross, 21st Main, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040. And also at No. 137, Vimala Arcade, Double road junction, BEML, Main Road, 4th Stage, R.R. Nagar, Bangalore-560098.

IndusInd Bank

No. 25, Steeple Reach, A Block, Third Floor, Cathedral Road, Gopalapuram, Chennai - 600 086 Tamil Nadu

APPENDIX-IV POSSESSION NOTICE

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the IndusInd Bank Ltd under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) (SARFAESI Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 28/10/2019 through Registered Post and substituted service made vide paper publication in NEW INDIAN EXPRESS and KANNADA PRABHA on 29/02/2020 thereby calling upon the borrower **MR. RAJAMANICKAM BALASUBRAMANIAN (DECEASED), MRS. USHALAKSHMI LAKSHMANAN (CO-BORROWER), MRS. USHALAKSHMI LAKSHMANAN (WIFE AND LEGAL HEIR OF THE DECEASED BORROWER), MS. ANITA (DAUGHTER AND LEGAL HEIR OF THE DECEASED BORROWER)** to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **INR. 6,86,206.40/- (INR Six Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Six and paise Forty only)** as on 24/10/2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/co borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said Rules on this **20th day of November 2020**.

The borrower/co borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IndusInd Bank Ltd., for an amount of **INR. 6,86,206.40/- (INR Six Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Six and paise Forty only)** as on 24/10/2019 and further interest thereon, plus costs, charges, expenses incurred.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No. EF 103, in First Floor, in Block 'E', having super built up area measuring 880Sq. ft., inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas together with and 264 Sq. ft., of undivided share and a covered car parking space, in the apartment building known as 'ITTINIA NEELA', constructed on property bearing Survey Numbers 5/3, 46, 47, 48, situated at Andhapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District lying within the limits of Registration District of Bangalore in the Sub Registration District of Shivaji Nagar.

Date : 20.11.2020
Place : Chennai

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For INDUSIND BANK LIMITED

Bank of India

Bangalore Main Branch, #11, Kemppegowda Road, Bengaluru-09 Tel: 080-22959435-41.
Email: bangalore.bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule-8(1)] (For immovable property)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 18.02.2020 calling upon the Borrower/ Mortgage/ Guarantor 1) M/s Apparel Identity Solutions, 2) Mr. Harsha Gangadhar, 3) Mr. Mintu R. Phanicker, 4) Mrs. Shree Gowri N, 5) Sri H. T. Gurudev to repay the dues mentioned in the notice being **Rs.62,75,351.71 (Rupees Sixty Two lakh Seventy Five thousand Three Hundred Fifty one and paise Seventy one)** along with further interest, costs expenses at monthly rests thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

2. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic / constructive possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of said rules on this **19-11-2020**.

3. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.62,75,351.71 (Rupees Sixty Two lakh Seventy Five thousand Three Hundred Fifty one and paise Seventy one)** along with further interest, and costs and expenses at monthly rests thereon.

4. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section 8 of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Equitable Mortgage of residential property bearing Khata No.218/204/3812 (Old Municipal No.1671, Municipal Door No.104, later Katha No.2-353, Municipal No.1538/2), situated at Ganigarpet, Ward No.4, Doddaballapur town, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 4.90 mtrs., or 16'0" feet, and North to South: 10.05 Mtrs., or 33'0" feet in all measuring 528 Sq. Feet with a building thereon and Bounded on East by: property belongs to Sri H. T. Gurudev, West by: Property belongs to Sri. Amerjan Saheb now belongs to Smt. M. Soubhagya. North by: Property belongs to Sri. H. T. Jayadev and Common passage, South by: Property belongs to Smt. H. T. Shanthamma and the property owned by you Sri. H. T. Gurudev.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/-
Date: 19-11-2020 CHIEF MANAGER & AUTHORISED OFFICER.

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line Tenders are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

S. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12201306 18/12/2020	1. Mounting Tanks Assembly without upper frame complete for LHBSCN coaches	256 Set	20,00,000/-
		2. Water Tank (450 Litre) complete without upper frame complete.	323 Set	
		3. Water Tank (2X685 Litre) complete without upper frame complete.	571 Set	
2.	05201506 16/12/2020	Set of Pillar for LHB AC Coaches	80 Set	92,230/-
3.	04201030 17/12/2020	Austenitic Steel Coil (02 Types)	12,10,585 Kgs.	20,00,000/-
	04201050 17/12/2020	Pipes (06 Types)	1,53,110 Mtrs.	7,82,890/-
5.	05201467 22/12/2020	AAR 'H' Type Lock Coupler with Transition Screw Coupling & Balanced Draft Gear	205 Set	11,71,650/-

1. For details and making on-line tenders, visit website <http://ireps.gov.in>. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class IIIB digital signature required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>.

2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tenders at Sr. No. 1 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Tenders at Sr. No. 2 to 5 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C12T. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. "All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website."

CORRIGENDUM
Tenderers may please note the following changes in 1. Tender No. 05201445 for Set of Cross Members for Parcel Van LHB Coaches. Due Date to be read as 02.12.2020 instead of 20.11.2020. 2. Tender No. 05201389 for Set of Carline for LHB (3 Types). Due Date to be read as 15.12.2020 instead of 25.11.2020. 3. Tender No. 05201410 for Set of Carline. Due Date to be read as 26.11.2020 instead of 19.11.2020. 4. Tender No. 05201423A for Integrated WTCC for Antyodaya Coaches. Due Date to be read as 30.12.2020 instead of 07.12.2020. 5. Tender No. 01201214 Due on 25.11.2020 for 160 KN Air Spring for LHB Coaches. Specification to be read as RDSO/2020/CG-01 instead of RDSO/2017/CG-03. Quantity to be read as 421 Sets instead of 388 Sets and EMD to be read as Rs. 10,37,350.00 instead of Rs. 9,56,030.00. 6. Tender No. 17201354 for Littering Outside/Marking Diagram/Stickers for LHB Coaches. Due Date to be read as 25.11.2020 instead of 17.11.2020. 7. Tender No. 05201459 for Horizontal Members 06 Types. Due Date to be read as 26.11.2020 instead of 19.11.2020. All other terms & conditions will remain the same. PCMM

Tender No. G-122-01/STORES/082/2020-21 Dated 28.10.2020

Bharat Bank
Bharat Co-op. Bank (Mumbai) Ltd
Multi-State Scheduled Bank

No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bangalore - 560 027
Tel No. : 080-2212 7203 / 2212 1066 / 2229 1942

AUCTION NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Under SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

WHEREAS

Sealed Offers/Tenders are invited from the public/intending bidders for purchasing the following immovable property on "as is where is basis and as is what is basis" which is now in the physical possession of the **Authorised Officer of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.**, as per section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential House bearing No.10, Khata No.1/234, 57th Block situated at Jarakabande Kaval Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk (presently 2nd Main Road, Muneshwara Block, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru-560 086), measuring East to West 23ft., North to South 30 ft., in all measuring 690 sq.ft. along with Ground and First Floor House constructed therein with civic amenities along with the residential building measuring 1335 sq.ft. constructed thereon & bounded by: **East by : House constructed in Property No.10 & common passage.**

West by : Mr. Shivnanna's Property
North by : Mr. Muddegowda's Property
South by : Mrs. Bhagyamma's Property

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : **Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd. Registered Office : Mohan Terrace, 64/72, Mody Street, Fort, Mumbai 400 001.**

Central Office : Marutagiri, Plot No. 13/9A, Sonawala Road, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400063. (Tel: 6189 0088 / 6189 0134).

Branch at : No.16, Sri Nanjundeswara Complex, 10th Crs, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-03

Name of the Borrower / Mortgage	Smt. Shobha S. Sathihai
Name of the Joint/Co Obligor	1) Shri. Shivasharanappa
Name of the Guarantors	1) Shri. Rajashekar Bellundagi 2) Shri. A. Muralidharan
Date of Demand Notice	20-04-2017
Date of Possession Notice	19-07-2017
Outstanding amount	Rs. 53,52,947/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lac Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Seven Only) due as on 29.10.2020 under Loan Account No. 002233310065654 less amount paid if any thereafter along with further interest @ contractual rate and penal interest, costs, charges and expenses with effect from 30.10.2020
Reserve Price	Rs. 40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lacs Only). (Tenders quoted below the "Reserve Price" will not be considered.)
Earnest money deposit (Refundable to unsuccessful bidders)	Rs. 4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lacs only) by DD / PO in favour of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd., A/c - Smt. Shobha S Sathihai along with the tender offer.
Inspection of the property	01.12.2020 from 11.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. or any other date and time fixed with prior appointment of the Authorised Officer.
Date, time and place of Submission of Tenders offers	Sealed tenders / offers should be submitted to the Authorised Officer on or before 15.12.2020 upto 6 p.m. at # 100, Money Terrace, K.H. Road Bangalore - 560 027.
Date and time of opening of the tender	16.12.2020 at 12-30 p.m. at # 100, Money Terrace, K.H. Road, (Double Road), Bangalore - 560 027.

Terms & Conditions:

1. Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the Bank is not responsible for encumbrances on title if any, condition or any other fact affecting the property, unknown to the Bank. The property is being sold under "AS IS WHAT IS" with all the existing and future encumbrances / Society Dues / Builders dues / Property Tax / Utility Service provider outstanding dues etc. and same shall be borne by bidders whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be held responsible in any way for any third-party claims / rights / dues received after date of opening the bid. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property to his / her satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.

2. Charges for documentations, transfer fees with Revenue Department, Conveyance, Stamp Duty, statutory dues(lawful house tax, Electricity charges & other dues), Registration Charges with the Registrar of Assurances as applicable and other statutory dues if any as applicable under law, shall be borne by the purchaser and the purchaser should complete all the transfer formalities.

3. The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves the right to CANCEL/ACCEPT/REJECT/ALTER/MODIFY/POSTPONE the Tender Sale / Auction without giving any reason whatsoever or prior notice.

4. The intending bidders may obtain the prescribed Tender forms from the Manager, Bharat Co Op Bank (Mumbai)Ltd., No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bangalore - 560 027 and the intending bidders should submit their bids/offers in the prescribed forms alongwith the KYC documents(PAN Card & Address Proof) together with the Pay Order/Demand Draft of EMD in a sealed envelope addresses to the Authorised Officer, Bharat Co Operative Bank(Mumbai)Ltd at the above said address on or before 15.12.2020 at 06.00 PM.(Envelope containing the Bids/offer should superscribed as "Bid for Property House No. 10, Mahalakshmi Layout).

5. Bidders present during the opening of the Tenders may participate in the Oral Bidding / Inter-se Bidding. The Authorised Officer of the Bank has discretion in the manner of conduct of sale including decision with regard to inter-se bidding / negotiations amongst the bidders to realize highest sale value for the said properties. They are, therefore advised to remain present themselves or through their duly authorized representative(s), who can take the decision for them.

6. Mortgage/borrower/Joint-Co. Borrower/surety may bring prospective bidders/offers to realize good value and may also remain present while opening the offers on 16.12.2020 at 12.30 PM.

7. The successful bidders/offers should deposit 25% of the bid amount (Including EMD) immediately on the day of auction or not later than next working day, as case may be, of opening of bids and balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of opening the tenders.

8. If the successful bidders fail to pay the amount as aforesaid the deposited amount shall be stand forfeited.

9. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Secured Creditor/Authorised Officer, the EMD amount of 10% paid alongwith the application will be refunded without any interest to the unsuccessful bidders.

10. The Principal Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgage is hereby informed in their own interest to take away all the movables, personal belongings, office documents / equipments / papers, articles, etc. which are not hypothecated to the Bank, if any lying in the above said premises with prior intimation in writing to the Authorised Officer, failing which the same shall be removed / disposed-off as scrap without any realizable value without giving any further notice to you Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgage to enable us to handover the vacant and peaceful possession to the successful bidders on receipt of entire sale amount, which please take note.

STATUTORY NOTICE UNDER RULE 8[6] OF THE SARFAESI ACT

This is also a notice to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgage of the above loan under Rule 8[6] of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 about holding of sale by inviting sealed tenders from the public in general for the sale of the secured assets on above mentioned date if his / their dues are not cleared in full.

Notice is hereby given to you to pay the sum as mentioned above before the date fixed for sale failing which the property will be sold and balance dues, if any will be recovered with interest and costs from you.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 24-11-2020

Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER
Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Registered Office: 27BKC, C-27, G-Block, Bandra Kuria Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051
Branch Office: No.22, ING Vyasa House, M.G. Road Bangalore 560001

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.**, under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrowers as detailed hereunder, calling upon the respective borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices with all costs, charges and expenses till actual date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the same. The said borrower(s) / co borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereunder in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act r/w rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned along-with. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.**, for the amount specified herein with future interest, costs and charges from the respective dates. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. Details of the borrowers, scheduled property, outstanding dues, demand notices sent under section 13(2) and amounts claimed there under, date of possession is given herein below:

Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-Borrower Loan Account No., Loan Amount	Details Of The Immovable Property	1. Date Of Possession 2. Demand Notice Date 3. Amount Due In Rs.
1. Mr. Vinod M & Mrs. Anitha N K Both At: No. 485, 5th Main Road 11th Cross, WOC Road Near Mahalakshimpuram Bangalore 560086.	All That Piece And Parcel Flat No. FF4, 4th Floor, Sai Balaji Blossom, Mariyanapalya, Dasarahalli Dhakale, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore 560024, Having Super Built Up Area Of 1080 Sq.Ft. Along With Undivided Share Of 240 Sq.Ft. Together With One Cover Car Parking Space In The Still Floor, For Construction On Property On Site No.25, Katha No. 358 New Katha No. 635 And Site No. 26, Katha No. 358, New Katha No. 633 Now Comes Under Btpp Limits, Ward No. 6, Jointly Measuring East To West 80 Feet, North To South 60 Feet And In All Measuring 4800 Sq. Ft. Bounded On: East By: Site No.24; West By: Private Layout; North By: Site No. 18 And 19 And South By: Road. Name of the mortgager: Mr. Vinod M.	1). 19.11.2020 2). 30.06.2020 3). Rs. 59,12,943/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Three Only) due and payable as of 30.06.2020 with applicable interest from 01.07.2020 until payment in full

PLACE: Bangalore
DATE : 19.11.2020

For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
Authorized Officer
For any query please Contact Mr. Keerthinath Shankar (Mobile No. +91 9742027742)
And Mr. Pradeep Kumar (Mobile No. +91 7624983109)

RELIGARE FINVEST LIMITED

REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS AT FIRST FLOOR, P-14, 45/90, P-BLOCK, CONNAUGHT PLACE, NEW DELHI -110001
CORPORATE OFFICE AT- 5TH FLOOR, SALCON RASVILAS, SAKET DISTRICT CENTRE, NEW DELHI 110017

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

We the **Religare Finvest Ltd.** have issued Demand Notice U/s 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security interest Act, 2002. through our Authorized Officer. The contents of the same are the defaults committed by you in the payment of installments of principal interest etc. the outstanding amount is as mention below:

NAME OF THE BORROWER/ CO-BORROWERS/ MAILING ADDRESS	LOAN AC. NO./ DATE OF 13(2) NOTICE/LOAN AGREEMENT DATE/ NPA DATE/ DEMAND AMOUNT AS PER SEC. 13 (2), NOTICE	MORTGAGE OF PROPERTY
1. PERUMPOONDI G. NATARAJAN S/O PERUMPOONDI APPAVUMUDALIAR GANAPATHY MUDALIAR 632, 2ND CROSS 2ND BLOCK BDA LAYOUT APMC YARD YESHWANTHPURA BANGLORE KARNATAKA-560022 ALSO AT:- 184, 6TH MAIN, APMC YARD YESHWANTHPURA BANGLORE KARNATAKA-560022 ALSO AT:- NO 873/22, 4TH A CROSS, DR K K HEBBAR ROAD, HANUMANTHANAGAR 16 NR MARUTHI CIRCLE, 50 FT ROAD BANGLORE KARNATAKA-560019 ALSO AT:- SITE NO 45 & 46, KATHA NO 14, CORP NO 54 SRINIVASANAGAR 2ND PHASE, 16TH MAIN ROAD 7TH CROSS, BANGLORE KARNATAKA	LOAN AC. NO. XMORKRM00027145 DATE OF 13(2) NOTICE 15.09.2020 LOAN AMOUNT AVAILABLE Rs.42,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Only) LOAN AGREEMENT DATE:- 28.06.2011 NPA DATE - 31-March-18 DEMAND AMOUNTS PER SEC. 13 (2) NOTICE	SCHEDULE - II (DETAILS OF SECURITY / MORTGAGED PROPERTY) ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE SITE NO.46, AND IN RESPECT OF SITE NO. 45, TOGETHER MEASURING EAST TO WEST 43 FEET, AND NORTH TO SOUTH 45 FEET, TOTALLY MEASURING 1935 SQ. FT. IN KATHA NO. 14, EARLIER SITUATED AT SITE NOS. 43.44, 45 & 46, GEREHALLI VILLAGE, WARD NO. 54, PRESENTLY SITUATED AT SITE NOS. 43.44, 45 & 46, 7TH CROSS ROAD, 16TH MAIN ROAD, 2ND PHASE, SRINIVAS NAGAR, BANGLORE AND BOUNDED ON : EAST BY: REMAINING LAND IN SITE NO. 45, AND SITE NOS. 44 & 45, WEST BY : ROAD NORTH BY: SITE NOS. 39 & 40 SOUTH BY: ROAD
2. SRI GANAPATHY TRADING COMPANY THROUGH ITS AUTHORISED PARTNER SHRI PERUMPOONDI G. NATARAJAN 632, 2ND CROSS 2ND BLOCK BDA LAYOUT APMC YARD YESHWANTHPURA BANGLORE KARNATAKA-560022 ALSO AT:-184, 6TH MAIN, APMC YARD YES		

Kerala govt puts Police Act on ice

Pinarayi says further action will be taken after discussing the issue in state assembly

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UNDER fire from various corners including national-level leaders and Left sympathisers, the Kerala government on Monday decided not to enforce the controversial provisions in the Kerala Police ordinance 2020. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said any further action would be taken only after discussing it in the assembly and collecting feedback from the public.

After CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said earlier in the day that the party would review the amendment, its state secretary took the decision against proceeding with the ordinance.

The amendment to the Kerala Police Act 2011 gives the police more power to prosecute persons who exploit various communication platforms to slander fellow citizens. Soon after Governor Arif Mohammad Khan signed the ordinance on Saturday.

Opposition parties and socio-political commentators had lashed out at the new provisions.

Having put the amendment on hold, the state government will now have to officially withdraw it. Sources said the government may either bring in another ordinance or request the governor to withdraw the same as per Article 213 (2)(b). Wednesday's Cabinet meeting will take a call on the next course of action.

In a statement issued after the CPM state secretariat meet, the CM said the government had decided to bring in the or-

dinance after noticing defamatory and obscene campaigns on social media.

"Criticism and complaints against defamatory, untrue and obscene campaigns have come up from various quarters of society. Strong protests have been raised against the merciless attacks, including on women and transgenders. There have been instances in which the integrity of families was affected, resulting in suicides. The need for legally tackling these was raised even by the heads of media houses. It was in these circumstances that an amendment to the Police Act was envisaged," the CM said.

"Apprehensions were aired by those who support the LDF and defend democracy. Hence the state government will not go ahead with implementing the amendment," said Pinarayi.

It was pointed out that the amendment is against the CPM's declared stance on freedom of speech and expression.



Opposition Leader Ramesh Chennithala protests against the Kerala Police Act in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday | BP DEEPU

Speech and hearing impaired barred from writing exam



Speech and hearing impaired students stage protest, holding fee receipts, outside the labour department office in Bengaluru on Monday | MEGHANA SASTRY

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

ABOUT 50 speech and hearing impaired students sat in protest in front of the Department of Industrial Training and Employment department on Monday after they were not allowed to write the examination.

The final year students, who arrived in the city from various parts of the state, were to answer their backlog examinations in the morning, but did not receive their hall tickets in time.

"We tried the college authorities several times but did not get any response. We were not given the hall tickets even after paying the examination fees about which we were informed just 15 days ago," a parent, whose son is pursuing electronics, told *TNIE*.

No KPTCL recruitment, candidates protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AROUND 100 aspirants for posts in the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) staged a peaceful dharna inside the premises of the Cauvery Bhavan for five hours on Monday, demanding that they be recruited.

On Saturday, the KPTCL had published an alert on its website cancelling the recruitment to five posts, four of them in the Engineering cadre.

A total of 2,02,498 candidates had applied for 1,559 posts in the corporation, which had advertised in February 2019 for five specific posts – Junior Engineer (Civil), Assistant Engineer (Civil), JE (Electronics), AE (Electronics), and Junior Assistant. In October 2019, the Kan-

nada test for candidates from outside the state was held and the Technical exam was to be conducted later. However, the latter was never held despite repeated requests from the candidates, and cancellation was announced.

Anand Kumar, who spearheaded Monday's protest, said, "We demand that the government revoke the order and continue the recruitment process. We have waited for nearly two years from the time the notification was first issued."

The protest, which began at 1.30 pm, continued till 6.30 pm. Cops were ordering the aspirants, who staged the sit-in protest wearing masks, to disperse as no permission was granted for the same.

A few representatives were called for discussion in the evening by the Human Resources Director of KPTCL, Gangadhar. "The official made it clear to us that the orders cannot be revoked. We could approach the Managing Director (N Manjula) and request for a new recruitment notification," said R Anand, who interacted with him.

"We were given to understand that financial crunch is one of the reasons behind the cancellation of the recruitment process," he added.

Aspirants plan to meet the MD soon and seek fresh recruitment.

Meanwhile, KPTCL has not cancelled recruitment for the Lineman cadre involving 1,772 posts.

Gender change pushes MBBS graduate to streets

VIGNESH V @ Madurai

While embracing her sexuality, little did Uma (name changed) know that it would open the floodgates to a life of travails. As if the stress of living with a new body was not enough, she had to feel the persecution of her peers, and also her family.

A top scorer in her plus two examination, Uma of Theni district, got a seat in Madurai Medical College, and completed the course in 2018. She was working at a private clinic in Madurai before she went through a gender reassignment surgery in 2019.

However, her life took a turn after the surgery. When she returned to work, Uma was not allowed to treat any patient at work. Not losing hope, she returned to her native place to be among her loved ones. However,

she was mistaken; her parents, too, refused to accept her. With no choice left, Uma decided to shift Madurai and join the transgender community there.

Uma had lost faith and, had given up on her dreams, until she met Thilagar Thidal (Law and Order) Inspector G Kavitha. The incident came to light when Inspector Kavitha met Uma through another transperson.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Kavitha said, "Initially, I thought she had made up a story. But later, she produced all her certificates, which I verified. She wants to continue her studies but lacks a third gender certificate to pursue it."

The city police has arranged Uma to continue practising medicine. They also arranged a clinic, which would be inaugurated this weekend, for her.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸಿ.ಇ.ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನಿ.ಸ. & ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ/ಮಂ: ಬೆಂ-1/ 2020-21/981 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20-11-2020

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರವರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾದ ಅರ್ಹ 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ / ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ/ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ 2020-21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಬಜಲೇವರ್ಷ ಮೊದಲ ಯೋಜನೆ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಹೀಕಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ Tender document KW-1 and KW-2 ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಐಟಿಎಂಎಲ್ ಬೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಬೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: (1) ಬಂಜ್ವರ್ ತಾಲೂಕು-10, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ - ರೂ. 148.96 ಲಕ್ಷ (2) ಬೆಳ್ಳಂದಿ ತಾಲೂಕು-24, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ - ರೂ. 435.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (3) ಹುಕ್ಕೇರಿ ತಾಲೂಕು-14, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ - ರೂ. 198.50 ಲಕ್ಷ (4) ಸುತ್ತ ತಾಲೂಕು-16, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ - ರೂ. 332.80 ಲಕ್ಷ.

(1) ಬೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು Download ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20-11-2020 ರಿಂದ 21-12-2020 (2) ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಿ ಬೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21-12-2020 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (3) ಬೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22-12-2020 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

ಪುಸ್ತಕ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0824-2220583 ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 922 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.11.2020 ರಂದು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಬೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು 18-12-2020 ರವರೆಗೆ ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

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ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ: PROVIDING FHTC TO 176 HOUSEHOLDS IN GOLITIPPE & HARUMASKERI HABITATION OF HARUMASKERI VILLAGE KUMTA TALUK UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT THROUGH MVS TO GOKARNA AND 7 OTHER VILLEGES SCHEME I.No.26573

ಬೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 57.53 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 1.44 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಕಾಲಮಿತ: 90 ದಿನಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಮಿತ), ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲಿನ.

(1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **24.11.2020 to 07.12.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs.** (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **27.11.2020. Time: 11.30 Hrs. Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Po: Habbuwada, Karwar-Uttara Kannada Dist.** (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **07.12.2020 Time: 16.30 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **08.12.2020 Time: 17.00 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

ಸ್ಥಳ:- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್
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No. ZPK/DRDPA/NRLM/TENDER/84/20-21 Date: 19-11-2020

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM NOTIFICATION

E-TENDER FOR ENGAGING MANPOWER AGENCY UNDER NATIONAL RURAL LIVELIHOOD MISSION

1) Tender reference No & Date : ZP/KLB/DRDA/NRLM/HR/MNPR/2020-21/, 2) Approximate value of tender : 54.06 Lakh, 3) EMD amount : 1.00 Lakh, 4) Tender commencement date : 19-11-2020, 5) Last date and time for submission of tenders : 03-12-2020 5:30 pm, 6) Time and Date of Opening of Technical Bids : 05-12-2020 11:30 am, 7) Time and date of opening of Financial bids : 07-12-2020 11:30 am, 8) Letter of Intent : 14-12-2020, 9) Contact Period : TWO years, 10) Place of opening of Tenders : DRDA ZILLA PANCHAYAT KALABURAGI.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer,
Zilla Panchayat, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/562/MC&A/2020-21

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PRED/KLB/HKRD/TS-7/TND/2020-21/3017 Date : 20-11-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TWO COVER SYSTEM)

1) Name of work : 1) Construction of six Room Government Model Higher Primary School at Chinchansoor Village in Aland Taluka Indent No. 77778/2 nd Call. 2) Development Of government Industrial Training Institute at Jewargi Town Indent No. 73371/2nd Call. 3) Formation of Road from Wastari Village to Hipparga (S.N), Kummansirasagi Main Road in Jewargi Taluka under KKRDB 2019-20 Indent No.71962/3rd Call. 2) Head of account : KKRDB for the year 2019-20. 3) Amount put to tender : Indent No.77778/2nd Call Rs. 88,24,164.64, Indent No: 73371/2nd Call Rs-85,12,024.61, Indent No 71962/3rd Call Rs-53,03,64.67, 4) Class of Contractor : Class-1 & Above, 5) Issue of Blank Tender Documents : 19-11-2020 to 04-12-2020 upto 4.00 pm, 6) Tender Form Fee : As per E-procurement Norms, 7) E.M.D. : Indent No. 77778/2nd Call, Rs.176500, Indent No. 73371/2nd Call, Rs.170500, Indent No. 71962/3rd Call, Rs.106500, 8) Receipt of completed tender documents : 19-11-2020 to 04-12-2020 upto 4.00 pm, 9) Technical Bid Opening Date : 05-12-2020 After 4.00 pm, 10) Financial Bid Opening Date : 11-12-2020 After 11.00 am, 11) For more details contact : Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Opp : Karnataka Grameen Bank (PKGB) Head Office, Kusnoor Road, Rajapur, Kalaburagi. 12) Website Address : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/569/MC&A/2020-21

Karnataka Public Work Department
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
O/O Executive Engineer Hoovinahadagali Dist:-Ballari, Phone:08399-240143

No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hadagali/TND/2020-21/ Date:17/11/2020

E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hoovinahadagali, for the work notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through Electronic system containing details of EMD through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl No.	Name of Work	Estimate Cost (Rs In Lakhs)
1	KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT128889	100.00
2	KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT128873	100.00
3	KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT127939	100.00
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1. Quarries of Tender On: **17.12.2020 @ 16.00 P.M.** 2. Last Date of Tender Submission On: **18.12.2020 @ 16.00 P.M.** 3. Tender Opening date On: **21.12.2020 @ 16.30 P.M.** 4. Financial Bid Opening Date: **Intimate Later**

Note: 1. Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition, Tenderers can view in E-procurement Portal. 2. 12.00% GST will be added to the contract amount

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No: EE/PRED/KLB/5054/TS-7/TND/2020-21/3055 Date : 21/11/2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Two Cover System)

1) Name of work : **Construction of Road from Belgumpu Village to Bennur Village in Chittapur Taluka under KKRDB 2019-20 Indent No. 75499,** 2) Head of account : **KKRDB 2019-20,** 3) Amount put to tender : **Rs. 73.50,305.11,** 4) Class of Contractor : **Class-1 & Above,** 5) Issue of Blank Tender Documents : **21-11-2020 to 07-12-2020 upto 4.00 pm,** 6) Tender Form Fee: Rs. 1840.00, 7) E.M.D. : Rs. 1,47,500.00, 8) Receipt of completed tender documents : **21-11-2020 to 07-12-2020 upto 4.00 pm,** 9) Technical Bid Opening Date : **08-12-2020 After 4.00 pm,** 10) Financial Bid Opening Date : **16-12-2020 After 11.00 am,** 11) For more details contact : Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division Opp: Karnataka Grameen Bank (PKGB) Head office, Kusnoor Road, Rajapur Kalaburagi, 12) Website Address : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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No: KBJNL/MLI Dn-1/PB-1/Tender/2020-21/1254 Date: 23.11.2020

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI Division No.1, Mattihal invites tenders on **Turn Key Basis from the eligible Contractors** for the works. The tenderers are required to upload two separate covers one containing first cover (technical bid) should contain the documents and second cover shall contain financial bid. The cover-1 (technical bid) will be opened first. Thereafter cover-2 (financial bid) of only those bidders who have paid requisite EMD and fulfil the conditions contained will be opened. Total No of works are 8 Nos (Indent No 19906, 19907, 19908, 19909, 19910, 19911, 19806 & 19802). 1 no work is reserved for ST category (Indent No-19802). The amount put to tender are in the range of 17.80 Lakhs to 62.67 Lakhs. The required EMD and eligibility of contractor and terms and conditions visit the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or this office on **04.12.2020, upto 05.00 pm.**

Tender schedule are as below: The contractor can have access to E-tender document from **23.11.2020 to 04.12.2020 up to 5.00 PM.** Submission of completed e-tendering documents up to **04.12.2020 up to 5.00 pm.** Cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL, MLI Division, Mattihal, B.Bagewadi taluk, Vijayapura district on **07.12.2020 at 4.00PM.** The technical bids of all bidders who have uploaded the tender along with all relevant documents will be considered in the technical evaluation. Cover-II (Financial bid) of qualified bidders will be opened on **10.12.2020 at 11.00 AM** or after approval of Technical Evaluation in the office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL, MLI Division-1, Mattihal, B.Bagewadi taluk, Vijayapura district.

Note: (1) SC & ST Category Contractors who have participated in the tender should upload a scan copy of Caste Certificate Issued from competent Authority. (2) SC & ST Category Contractors who have participated in the tender should be Domicile of State of Karnataka for more than 10 years and should upload a copy of Domicile Certificate issued by competent Authority. 3) If the bidders are firm then all the partners/members of the firm shall belong to the SC /ST Category

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NEEDLESS LEGISLATIONS TO CAST SHADOW ON INTERFAITH UNIONS

By next month, Madhya Pradesh could become the first state to bring in a law against what is called love jihad. Any marriage deemed to have been carried out through force or solemnised for religious conversion will become an offence, inviting a jail term of up to five years. The law will also provide for all interfaith marriages to be necessarily intimated to the district authorities a month in advance. MP will not be the only state to bring in such a law; the BJP-ruled states of Karnataka, UP and Haryana plan to do an encore.

For right-wing outfits, it is a validation of their decade-long campaign that Hindu girls are being trapped by Muslim boys on the pretext of marriage and being converted to Islam. But most of these allegations, if not all, have been found to be dodgy. The impetus for the new law came after a girl was killed by her lover in UP in what was labelled by her family as love jihad. And UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath went into needless hyperbole, threatening in colourful language to bump off such offenders. While the National Crime Records Bureau has no documented case of love jihad, the head of the National Commission for Women, Rekha Sharma, was exercised enough to raise the matter when she called on the Maharashtra Governor a few weeks ago. But given the lack of empirical evidence, the laws being contemplated by the states are bound to instil fear of harassment among interfaith couples. And the clause on advance notice of a month is bound to raise consternation. How can the state sit in judgement on who will be life partners?

The new law smacks of over-legislation at a time when the country is just about slipping into the second wave of the novel coronavirus. Unsurprisingly, it is being seen as divisive, regressive and undemocratic. It is also bound to draw negative global attention—like the CAA—from leaders such as US President-elect Joe Biden. India has been a melting pot of, among other things, interfaith union and harmony, of which BJP leader Shah Nawaz Hussain himself is an example. Let not anything be done to disturb the fine balance.

REVIEW POINTLESS, DROP KERALA GAG LAW

To put it simply, the latest piece of law to be incorporated into the Kerala Police Act is a brazen assault on the idea of free speech and a drastic example of state overreach without jurisdiction. Section 118A, introduced by way of amending the existing law through an ordinance, makes any form of communication that is deemed defamatory or insulting a cognisable offence, punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both. The Left Front government claimed it was bringing in a much-needed legal provision to deal with the rising number of social media crimes, especially against women and children. But in reality, the scope of its law goes much beyond the realm of social media to include “any means of communication”. If wielded without caution, or with ill intent, it can turn into a potent tool to gag the media, stifle dissent, silence legitimate criticism and curtail freedom of expression. And what makes the government’s intention suspect is the timing. It is introduced when an election is underway and another is just months away, and at a time when the government is facing the heat of investigations being carried out by multiple central agencies.

After facing scathing criticism, even from within the ruling front and the CPM’s national leadership, the government has come around to the view that the new law needs a relook and has decided not to enforce it for now. A sensible move, but the right thing to do would be to rescind it entirely so as to avoid any confusion. For such a law, in any form, will remain vulnerable to misuse, and with the ordinance being signed and notified, it’s already a reality. Moreover, it is unlikely to survive judicial scrutiny, given that the Supreme Court had in 2015 struck down two similar provisions that dealt with “offensive comments”—Section 66A of the IT Act and Section 118(d) of the Kerala Police Act—for being violative of Article 19. What makes the new law more dangerous is it empowers police to suo motu interpret and deal with “offensive” communication and make arrests without a warrant. It’s clear the government turned the necessity to deal with social media offences into an opportunity to muzzle criticism and burnt its fingers in the process. The only way to redeem itself is to drop the law for once and all.



For what is a nation? It is not a piece of earth, nor a figure of speech, nor a fiction of the mind. It is a mighty Shakti, composed of the Shaktis of all the millions of units that make up the nation

Sri Aurobindo

The current Covid-19 pandemic and nine months of the fear economy have given the movement of digital advertising and marketing a big fillip

TIME TO SMELL THE CHANGE IN ADVERTISING

HARISH BIJOOR



Brand Guru & Founder, Harish Bijoor Consults

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hat Osama Bin Laden did to the security products and services industry, the corona pandemic has done to the digital products and services category. Digital products, services and app-led selling, advertising, marketing, PR, etc., are the reality of new advertising and marketing.

When I look at advertising as we know it, I see a sure change making rapid strides. This time round, it is not the rabid cry of the digital industry wanting to be heard and acknowledged, a PR-pushed top-down shout to get the digital industry take those important evangelical first steps in a new market. Instead, it is the sure-footed march of digitalism in our lives, as demanded by the consumer. And that makes this a trend not to ignore. The consumer seems to want it. And what the consumer wants, the consumer gets. As usual. Water finds its own level. So does digitalism in our new lives of the new day.

The current pandemic and the nine months of the fear economy that had us cooped up in our houses with successive sets of government-imposed lockdowns and later self-imposed fear-led rules have given the movement of digital advertising and marketing a big fillip.

When I look into the media plans of brand-led organisations, it is not a surprise that digital advertising is gobbling up bigger and bigger

shares of the pie of advertising, as we knew it in the good old days.

The year 2019 and its heady advertising spends in traditional mediums seem so far away. In one stroke, and in one sweepingly large swathe of the pandemic, there is a redefinition of sorts when I look at the marketing and advertising industry.

While the numbers are looking good for advertising by and large, they are really looking great for the digital side more than ever before. If the prognosis for the year 2020 is believed to touch ₹86,000 crore, the breaking news is that digital advertising is gobbling up as much as 85% of the incremental revenue growth. Digital advertising promises to emerge in the number two position after television, with a 31% share of the pie.

Advertising as we knew it is changing. The impact of advertising along with its allure gets bigger and deeper as people lead insular lives within their homes or within the safe bubbles of their own creation. Outdoor life is today more a necessity, rather than one jumped into out of sheer volition. It will remain that way for a while as IT and IT-enabled companies across the board make announcements that work-from-home is here to stay for many of them.

How has advertising changed then? I see seven distinct nudges to

watch out for and take note of:

1. Old advertising was really a process that celebrated the aggregation of advertising. New advertising is all about disaggregation of advertising.

The old norm was one creative agency and possibly four creative executions for a brand. And these creatives would hit the national network on television, print, radio, outdoor and even digital. They would last a while and then change.

New advertising is totally disaggregated as opposed to the old. The very same brand has 40 macro-digital endorsers, and possibly 8,000 micro-creators. And that would mean 8,000-plus creatives out there. This is disaggregated advertising at its best.

2. In the era of old advertising, the handle of a brand was always with the brand manager and the brand organisation. Today progressively,



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the brand handle is with thousands of creators, all carefully watched and curated. The brand gets closer to the consumer in terms of control. The consumer does not have this control in full as yet, but expect that to happen.

3. The era of the big celebrity endorser is ending rather fast. The micro-brand endorser is a reality. For the same price you paid for a big star, you now get possibly 200 of them.

4. Editorialising the advertising is what influencers and creators achieve on social media. Advertising that does not look as advertising is the new soft norm. Brand messaging that does not look like brand messaging even.

5. We moved from the efficacy of 1:1 advertising and selling to 1:many through group meets, and finally to the 1:all format of television and mass media advertising. Today, it’s nearly back to 1:1 with fine-tuned efficacy metrics being delivered by digital.

Top-down advertising is giving way to laterally led advertising with digital micro-creators doing peer-to-peer content with panache. And peer-to-peer messaging packs in it the trust quotient that brands crave for.

6. Top-down mass-media advertising had an issue in the old days. The advertising creative was one, if not

five. They had to deliver a niche message to the masses of viewers. Out here, you had the option to position your messaging either to the lowest-common-denominator in the audience, the middle-common-denominator or the highest-common-denominator. The path of least resistance and acceptability seemed to be advertising that appealed to the lowest-common-denominator in the target audience.

New advertising as attempted by the digital can approach each of these constituencies differently and seamlessly. In many ways digital advertising is an oxymoron, a ‘niche’ mass media of sorts!

7. And finally, the “nudge-to-act” factor in advertising is being explored differently through the new digital format. The nudge to action in terms of buying something is one that depends on timing. Exact and specific timing.

Digital formats such as Instagram, Chingari and Roposo are able to time it that much better, and optimise and capitalise on the “nudge-to-act” moment. That 15-second short-format video on Instagram Reels may just be able to nudge you at the right moment to go online and click that buy button on that corona protective visor that excited you enough. And it happened at 3.46 am!

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A TRIBUTE TO THE GODDESS MAHA KALI OF DODDAGADDAVALLI

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hile penning this piece about the Doddagaddavalli temple in Karnataka’s Hassan district last week, terrible news came in. The image of the Goddess Maha Kali there was destroyed by some miscreants. That a precious monument and one of the state’s most important sculptures was attacked and fractured, that too during heritage week, has left the locals and the art-loving world in shock. This is a tribute to the temple and the Maha Kali idol, in the hope that the rich Hoysala heritage would be taken care of better in the future.

Doddagaddavalli, a small village in Belur taluk, is one of the early centres of Hoysala art and architecture. The village has a very important and unique temple dedicated to the Goddess Maha Lakshmi, but is today popularly known for Maha Kali (Durga).

Situated on the banks of a large pond, it was built in 1113 CE, four years prior to the famous Belur Chennakeshava temple constructed by Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana. The Doddagaddavalli temple is one of the earliest dated monuments of Hoysala architectural history. The dedicatory inscription here eulogises Vishnuvardhana and notes that the temple was built and dedicated due to munificent grants by the merchant Kalhana Rautar. The wealthy trader was in-

spired by the temple for Maha Lakshmi in Maharashtra’s Kolhapur and built a similar one in Doddagaddavalli. The village, historically referred to as Doddagaddumballe in inscriptions, was even renamed as Abhinava Kolhapur.

The Doddagaddavalli temple complex has raised compound walls with an entrance through a pillared hall-like mantapa. In the corners of the large compound walls, there are four small shrines. The main temple in the centre of the compound has four garbagrihas (sanctum sanctorum)—making it a chatushkuta temple. Hoysala architects built temples with different numbers of garbagrihas—one (ekakuta, eg. Belur), two (dvikuta, eg. Halebidu), three (trikuta, eg. Somnathapura) and even four and five (panchakuta, eg. Govindanahalli). This is the only chatushkuta temple in Hoysala history. The four garbagrihas share a common hall and main entrance. There is also another independent temple dedicated to Bhairava near the southern entrance of the temple.

While Hoysala temples such as the ones in Belur and Halebidu are known for their richly carved intricate sculptures, this is of the non-ornate type. Nevertheless, the temple has evolved with salient features of typical Hoysala temple architecture, such as ‘lathe-turned’ pillars

and richly carved ceilings depicting Ashta Dikpalakas and Nataraja in the main hall of the temple.

The four garbagrihas in the main temple have Maha Lakshmi (East), Maha Kali (South), Vishnu (North, missing now) and Shiva (West). Each deity has individual sanctums with beautiful doorways. The shikaras are of the Dravida and Phamsana-Kadamba Nagara styles. Malloja and Maniyoja are the architects of the temple and have been mentioned in the dedicatory inscription.

The most interesting and important aspects of the temple are the Maha Kali and Maha Lakshmi images, both installed in 1113 CE. Maha Lakshmi is standing in samabhanga with four arms, having shanka, chakra, gada and padma as attributes. The image has been carved with great details such as an intricate kirita and jewellery. The sculpture reminds us of the Kolhapur image in its style and features.

The Goddess Maha Kali image, which was fractured by miscreants

last week, is a unique one. The iconographic features, attributes and her posture are noteworthy for their characteristic carvings. The Devi is seated right on the dead body of a rakshasa figure who serves as her asana. The main peetha is depicted with a seated image of an emaciated bhuta figure. The Goddess has eight arms, spread in circular architectonic form holding various weapons. The Devi’s right-side arms have a khadga, trishula, gada and arrow, while on the left, a bowl, damaru, bow and noose are depicted. On the northern wall of the Maha Kali garbagriha, there is a seated image of Devi identical in her style and depiction of attributes to the idol inside.

Maha Kali’s strong frontal posture with her benign facial details makes the divine highly spiritual. She has been worshipped here as the village deity. The corroborating images and ambience of the Maha Kali shrine directly associates the image with tantric practices. The

doorway and its lalata pattika (upper jamb) have bhuta mukhas, while either sides of the walls have depictions of life-sized bhuta figures in standing posture as door guardians. The bhuta figures are supposed to accompany the Devi in her expeditions against demons.

To support the tantric affiliation of Maha Kali, the sculptures on the doorframe of the smaller Bhairava temple may also be observed. One of the sculptures is shown as tearing open the entrails while the other figure is cutting his own head.

It is most unfortunate that this over 900-year-old Maha Kali idol has been desecrated. In an earlier article, I wrote about how there were Kalyan Chalukya monuments lying uncared for (Kalgil, home to Raga-mala sculptures and dilapidated temples, June 25). One hopes this serves as a wake-up call and that both the government and philanthropists take better care of our priceless heritage.

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(Above) The Maha Lakshmi temple in Karnataka’s Doddagaddavalli; (Right) Maha Kali sculpture inside the temple before it was destroyed by miscreants last week



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Won’t stand court scrutiny

The Kerala Police (Amendment) Ordinance will not stand the scrutiny of courts as legal experts have rightly said. One wonders why the LDF is feverishly enacting such an ordinance at the fag end of its tenure.
KVRaghuram, Wayanad

Cow cess a political move

The decision of the Madhya Pradesh cabinet to levy a cess to raise funds for the welfare of cows seems to be politically motivated. If it was genuinely concerned, it should have first acted against illegal slaughter houses in the state.
Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Speaking against the GOP

The Congress is a sinking party these days. Veteran leaders like Ghulam Nabi Azad and Kapil Sibal have come out against the management of the GOP. The selection of a suitable party president has become a Gordian knot.
TRKrishnachandran, Thrissur

Sacrifices of great leaders

Following Kapil Sibal, even Azad has expressed his anguish about the Congress. One hopes the high command remembers that the word ‘Congress’ symbolises the sacrifices of many great leaders during the freedom struggle.
K Jayanthi, Chennai

Follow safety norms

This is with reference to Behavioural changes needed as India faces fresh Covid wave (Nov 23). Many people are not following safety norms due to ignorance or overconfidence. They must realise that they are both the cause and victim of the pandemic.
O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Responsibility is on us

There has been a sharp rise in Covid cases recently, which is worrisome. People are not following Covid protocols strictly. Keeping the pandemic at bay depends on our sense of responsibility.
CGhanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Way to improved economy

This is with reference to the article To enhance income of farmers, consider agri-tourism (Nov 23). Indirect employment for the rural populace through agri-tourism will pave the way for an improved economy.
V KS Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Must be supported by govt

Agri-tourism seems like a novel and profitable venture. It should be studied by agricultural universities. We must also assess the success stories in the US and Europe before formulating plans for this. It is a good idea that should be supported by the government.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Getting to know rural life

The article is timely. It paves a way to augment the income of farmers besides giving city-bred people knowledge about agriculture and rural life.
AKaja Nazimudeen, Eruvadi

Pak-sponsored terrorism

This is with reference to J&K factor in Indo-US relations: Grab the transition moment (Nov 23). The US has allied with India to counterbalance China. However, it also needs Pakistan’s support. India must engage with the US and showcase the scourge of persisting Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.
AMChakravarty, Hyderabad

Top court pulls up Delhi, Gujarat for poor pandemic management

Seeks status reports from Centre, states on steps taken; asks all states and UTs to be well-equipped as situation may worsen

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday pulled up Delhi and Gujarat governments over poor handling of the Covid-19 pandemic and also sought reports from all states, and UTs on patient management and other issues relating to the pandemic.

A bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan asked all states and Union Territories to file status reports along with measures taken and contemplated as also the help needed from Centre to deal with the pandemic. It asked the states and the Centre to file status reports by Thursday and posted the matter for hearing on Friday.

The apex court noted that the situation was likely to further worsen in December and said all states and the Centre must take adequate steps and be well-equipped to deal with Covid-19.

"It is time to introspect where we are lacking. Keep in mind situation is likely to grow grim in the coming months. In the last two weeks in November, deaths have increased in Delhi. Similar is the situation in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Assam, among other states. We need to know the situation as on date. We are hearing huge spike in

the current month. We want a latest status report from all states. Worse things may happen in December if states aren't well prepared," the bench said while seeking status reports from all states, and UTs on patient management and other issues relating to the pandemic.

The court also rapped the Gujarat government and wondered how it was allowing political celebrations and weddings at a time when the cases are on the rise.

The bench asked the Delhi government, "How are you managing the situation? How are hospitals treating patients? Are there enough beds?"

On behalf of the Delhi government, senior advocate and Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain said everything was completely in place in the national capital. He said beds have been reserved for Covid-19 patients in all hospitals now.

The court is seized of the matter suo motu since June when media reports indicated a sorry state of affairs in handling of Covid-19 crisis by some of the states. It had earlier issued notices to the Centre and these states asking them to explain the lapses in treating patients and offering a dignified departure to the dead.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah, accompanied by Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, flags off a mobile RT-PCR lab at ICMR headquarters in Delhi | SHEKHAR YADAV

RT-PCR test at ₹499 in Delhi, cost borne by ICMR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION home minister Amit Shah on Monday inaugurated a mobile Covid-19 RTPCR lab at the Indian Council of Medical Research in the capital that will conduct free coronavirus tests. The lab, jointly launched by SpiceHealth and the ICMR, is accredited by NABL and approved by the ICMR. The RTPCR tests will be offered at just ₹499 at the labs and the cost of testing will be borne by the ICMR. The report would be available within 6 to 8 hours.

"Dedicated to the people of Delhi, the Covid-19 Mobile RT-PCR Lab jointly developed by ICMR DELHI and Spice Health. Modi government is committed to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Delhi priced at ₹499 This lab will surely help in early detection and cure," Shah tweeted.

Delhi recorded 6,746 fresh Covid-19 cases on Sunday and a positivity rate of 12.29 per cent, while 121 more fatalities pushing death toll to 8,391. At least five persons died due to Covid-19 every hour on an average in Delhi in the last 24 hours, accounting for the largest chunk of such fatalities across India, which recorded an average of 21 deaths in this period, stated an analysis based on data from Union Health Ministry.



The situation in the month of December is likely to worsen and all states have to be prepared to combat the worsened situation regarding Covid-19 Supreme Court

Eyeing a third term? 2014-29 crucial years for country, says PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that the 18th Lok Sabha (2024-29) will play an important role in taking the country forward in the next decade.

Inaugurating the newly constructed flats for the MPs on BD Marg in the national capital, the PM stressed the importance of the 16th, 17th and the 18th Lok Sabha in fulfilling a number of tasks, including Atmanirbhar Bharat. The three terms of the Lok Sabha encompass the years from 2014 — when he first came to power — to 2029. The second term of the Modi government is scheduled to end in 2024.

"In general, it is said that the age of 16-17-18 for the youths, when they are in 10th-12th class, is very important. This age of 16-17-18 is also equally important for any young democracy," Narendra Modi, PM

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Modi said that the 17th Lok Sabha (2019-24) has made history with some of the decisions. "There will be 18th Lok Sabha after this. I am sure the next Lok Sabha will also play a very important role to take the country forward in the new decade. Therefore, I have presented before you the importance of this 16-17-18. There are so many things before the country which we have to achieve during this period," added the PM.

He further stressed that the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission, goals related to economy and similar other resolutions will need to be fulfilled. "Therefore, this period encompassing the 16th, 17th and 18th Lok Sabha is very important for our young country. We are fortunate to become part of this important period for the country. It is our collective responsibility to see that whenever there is a study of different terms of the Lok Sabha in history, this period should be remembered as a golden chapter for the development of the country," Modi added.

The PM stressed on the timely execution of the projects which in the past used to be delayed beyond their deadlines.

Foreign secretary briefs envoys on Pak-backed terror attack bid in J&K

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

FOREIGN Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Monday briefed the heads of missions on the planned terror attack that was foiled with the Nagrota encounter in Jammu and Kashmir and its implications.

"The Heads of Missions were provided with a detailed information docket giving the de-

tails of the incident as it transpired as well as list of items and munition that were recovered from terrorists clearly indicating their Pakistani origins. They were also briefed on how the terrorists got into India, which is now clear through the discovery of an underground tunnel in the Samba sector," a source said.

According to sources, the

countries that were briefed included US, Russia, France, Japan, and a few others. This was the first of several briefings by the Ministry of External Affairs. Other secretaries will also be briefing the Heads of Missions in their areas of jurisdiction, sources said and added that the idea was to share information as widely as possible with the global community.

"It was shared with them how preliminary investigations by the police and intelligence authorities, markings on the recovered AK-47 rifles and other items lead us to believe that the terrorists belonged to Pakistan based Jaish-e-Mohammad," a source said.

The heads of missions were also briefed about how the incident is a part of Pakistan's on-

going terror campaign. "In 2020 alone, we have seen 200 incidents of terrorist violence and neutralisation of 199 terrorists," a source said and added that details of JeM's involvement in previous such incidents were also shared.

Sources said it was clear that the terrorists were planning the biggest terror attack in India since Pulwama in February

2019 and the implications can be guessed. "This is part of ongoing efforts to sabotage the DDC elections and to carry out a terror attack aimed to coincide with the anniversary of 26/11 Mumbai terror strikes," the source added. "The heads of missions were sensitised about our concerns regarding Pakistan's sustained efforts to destabilise the J&K situation."

Choosing partner without religion bar is a right, says HC

ENS @ New Delhi

DISPOSING of a interfaith marriage case, a division bench of the Allahabad High Court recently observed that the right to live with a person of his/her choice irrespective of religion professed by them, is intrinsic to right to life and personal liberty.

Critiquing an earlier verdict of the same court, which claimed "conversion just for the purpose of marriage is unacceptable," the bench said it had not laid good law.

A bench of justices Pankaj Naqvi and Vivek Agarwal said: "We fail to understand that if the law permits two persons even of the same sex to live together peacefully then neither any individual nor a family nor even the state can have an objection to the relationship of two major individuals who out of free will are living together."

The observation came on petitions filed by Salamat Ansari and Priyanka Kharwar seeking a direction not to arrest them and for quashing an FIR filed on her father's complaint, under Sections 363, 366, 352, 506 IPC and Section 7/8 POCSO Act.

The couple stated that as they both had attained the age of majority and were competent to contract a marriage, they performed Nikah on August 19, 2019, after Priyanka embraced Islam.

"We do not see Priyanka and Salamat as Hindu and Muslim, rather as two grown-up individuals who out of their own free will are living together peacefully... Interference in a personal relationship would constitute a serious encroachment into the right to freedom of choice of the two," the HC said.



A NEW START

Students attend a class reopened after nearly eight months due to Covid-19 in Sangli, Maharashtra | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Shringla to visit Nepal on Nov 26-27

NEW DELHI: Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla will visit Nepal on November 26 and 27. "The visit is in keeping with the tradition of regular high-level exchanges between the two countries and the priority India attaches to its relations with Nepal," the MEA said. The foreign secretary will meet his counterpart and other Nepalese dignitaries to discuss the wide-ranging bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

Europe India's natural partner: EAM

NEW DELHI: EAM S Jaishankar on Monday said India's engagement with Europe has increased and also called for reforms of multilateral bodies like the UN, WTO and WHO. "We have stepped up engagement with Europe. PM Narendra Modi has visited Europe 16 times, had four virtual summits with European leaders and has spoken to 19 counterparts. Europe is India's natural partner," he said while addressing the India-EU Strategy Group.

NCW notice to Mumbai police on missing girls

NEW DELHI: The National Commission for Women on Monday took suo motu cognisance of reports that 21 young girls including 8 minors are allegedly missing from Mumbai's Govandi area. NCW chairperson Rekha Sharma has written to Maharashtra chief secretary and DGP seeking immediate intervention in the matter.

The Commission said it has sought a detailed action taken report from the authorities. It has also asked the authorities to see if there was human trafficking element involved.

In response to reports that 21 girls have been missing in the locality over the last few days, Mumbai police has, however, clarified that there are a total of 23 cases of missing women in Govandi police station this year which includes 15 majors and eight minors. All eight minors have been found. Out of the 15 majors, while 11 have been found, four are still missing and investigation is going on in these cases, it said. ENS

Easing norms to expedite green nod to infra projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN what is being read as an attempt to steamroll infrastructure project clearances, the environment ministry has decided to dilute assessment procedures to study possible environmental damages and their social impact.

Projects seeking environment clearances come to ministry's expert appraisal committees (EAC), where they take unanimous time for final approval — from 83-220 days in 2015-16 to 176-336 days in 2019-2020.

To resolve this bottleneck, "all projects, placed in the agenda, should be considered by the EAC notwithstanding the non-attendance of the Project Proponent or his consultant in the EAC meeting to make a presentation," said an Office Memorandum issued by the ministry last week.

It is pushing the EACs to take hasty decisions that are eventually not in favour of business or the environment

Kanchi Kohli, CPR-Namati Environment Justice Program

All EAC meetings shall be held at least twice a month to cut down the period of Environmental Clearance (EC) approval, it added. All fresh EC proposals submitted 10 days before an EAC meet shall be taken up at its meeting.

Any queries or issues the division may have should be raised during the EAC meeting itself, it said. "Member Secretary ought to ensure that the relevant queries of the division are also pointed out at the time of EAC meetings itself so as to avoid occasion for such queries before and after the examination by EAC."

However, Kanchi Kohli, Legal Research Director, CPR-Namati Environment Justice Program, said that the directive visualises environmental appraisals to straight-jacketed, linear and bureaucratic processes.

Tarun Da faced criticism and dissidence with a smile, never retaliated

HIS ever-sporting smile and the greatest quality of tolerating criticism are what made Tarun Da that rare politician. His simplicity, village boy image and smile made him the darling of the masses. He could easily mingle with the common man. People never felt that they were with a chief minister.

I came to know Tarun Da from close quarters during my college days in the 1950s. He was the president of JB College Students' Union in Jorhat and I was its general secretary. He was a year senior to me.



BIJOYA CHAKRABORTY
Former BJP MP from Guwahati, minister in Atal Bihari Vajpayee govt

We used to come to Guwahati to take part in inter-college sports tournaments. Most states of the Northeast were then part of Assam and the students from there also used to participate. We used to come

under Tarun Da's leadership. Society was conservative at that time. Tarun Da was young but our guardians trusted him. He was a man of character. So, our parents never opposed and we used to travel with him to take part in the events.

Although Tarun Da was known for his signature smile during his political career, he scarcely smiled when he was a student. During our trips to Guwahati, we used to travel by train. We all would make a lot of noise but he would remain silent. We would often request him to sing a song. Once he

gave in and belted out a song, much to our joy.

After I got married, we rarely met. I took active part in the historic Assam Agitation and joined the Asom Gana Parishad, after which we came in close contact again. There was no change in him.

He could tackle every problem in his political career with a smile. No matter how much one criticised him, as I would do, he would never retaliate. He had that rare quality.

While he was serving as the chief minister, he would often invite his old friends from the



TARUN GOGOI 1934-2020

JB College at his residence in the evenings. We used to have 'addas' and a very good time with him.

He served as chief minister for 15 years. There was dissidence against him but he faced it with a smile. He was not a great intellectual but he was intelligent and had natural instincts. He could foresee things. He could predict about events unfolding. I can't accept the death of such a great friend. I met him last three months ago. His departure has created a void in politics but he will continue to live in our hearts.

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Ahmedabad	32	16	Mumbai	30	24
Bhopal	28	13	Panaji	33	24
Jaipur	24	12	Patna	26	13
Amritsar	23	12	Lucknow	25	10
Chennai	28	26	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	26	15	Imphal	23	10
Srinagar	08	04	Chandigarh	22	13



PAGD is an alliance of seven parties vowing to restore Article 370 in J&K | FILE

Under fire, Cong snaps ties with Gupkar alliance

Says it will still defeat BJP in DDC polls as there is resentment against saffron party

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER facing severe criticism from the BJP for being a part of the "Gupkar Gang", the J&K Congress has snapped its ties with the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) and ended the seat-sharing agreement for the upcoming District Development Council (DDC) polls.

J&K Congress vice-president Ghulam Nabi Monga confirmed this newspaper that his party has severed the seat-sharing agreement with the PAGD. "We had not allied with the PAGD, but there was a seat-sharing agreement with the alliance," Monga said.

Monga had attended meetings with PAGD leaders to shortlist the group's combined candidates for the first-ever DDC polls for 280 seats in J&K.

However, after BJP leaders, including Home Minister Amit Shah, came down heavily on the alliance, describing it a "Gupkar gang", the Congress

pounced into a defensive mode, saying it's not part of the alliance led by NC leader Farooq Abdullah. A senior Congress leader said the party's high command had asked its unit in J&K to snap the seat-sharing agreement with the PAGD as the move might go against people's sentiments and backfire in the Bengal and Assam elections.

When whether the Congress's decision to contest the DCC polls alone could benefit the BJP, Monga said: "We will still defeat the BJP because there is resentment against the saffron party in J&K."

"The ground reality is that the people of Kashmir don't want to vote for the BJP. Its popularity graph has fallen drastically in Jammu as well and now, it is banking on communal polarization," he added. The eight-phase DDC polls will be held on November 28.

The last phase will be held on December 19 and the counting will take place on December 22.

60,000 volunteers involved

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THIS vaccine's efficacy and safety confirm that it will be highly effective against Covid-19 and will have an immediate impact on this public health emergency," said Pascal Soriot, company CEO.

The first dosing regimen given to 2,741 volunteers showed 90% efficacy when administered as a half dose, followed by a full dose at least one month apart. The second dosing regimen given to 8,895 individuals showed 62% efficacy when given as two full doses. Both regimens put together showed an average efficacy of 70%.

SII CEO Adar Poonawala had already said the company will seek emergency use authorisation from the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation in India as soon as the initial data from the trial is out. For India, the company has pledged 35 million doses per month. Overall, the Oxford vaccine is being tested in about 60,000 volunteers across multiple countries including the US, Japan, Russia, South Africa, Kenya and India.

Atal tunnel closed for tourists as Covid hits villages

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Covid-19 has spread to remote high-altitude areas of Himachal Pradesh. Out of the 41 panchayats with 14,000 people in Lahaul and Spiti sharing border with China, seven have reported a surge in cases.

The district administration has restricted tourists around 5km from the north portal of Atal Tunnel at Rohtang Pass.

The state government on Monday decided to impose night curfew in four districts of Shimla, Kullu, Mandi and Kangra from 8 pm to 6 am. Around 2,000 cases have been reported in the last fortnight in Shimla and Mandi. Education institutions in the hill state will remain closed till December 31.

The government will also



Tourists visit snow-covered fields near Atal Tunnel in Sissu, Lahaul-Spiti | PH

conduct an intensive statewide survey from November 25 to December 27 to identify Covid cases. Lahaul & Spiti Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Rai said some 950 cases have been reported in the district, of which, 500 people have recovered. "Around 6,000 samples have

been taken following aggressive sampling in the last few days," he said. Nodal officers have been appointed in each panchayat to educate and sensitise the villagers.

"To contain the spread, orders have been issued banning the outsiders' entry. The ban

will be in place till further orders," he said. People have been advised that if any local returning home from outside the district shows symptoms of the virus, he must isolate himself from the family.

Recently, at Tholang village in Lahaul sub-division, 41 of the 42 residents who participated in a function to honour a local deity were infected. The total population of the village is 169, but the authorities said the rest of the people might have migrated temporarily.

The state government has decided that all social, political, cultural and sports gatherings in open areas would be restricted to 200 persons with social distancing. A fine of ₹1,000 will be imposed on those not wearing face masks in public places.

BJP to follow UP model to make inroads in Bengal

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

TAKING a cue from their successful UP election model, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP's national president J P Nadda will tour booth centres, interact with intellectuals and meet party's booth-level chiefs and a large number of workers in West Bengal to strengthen the party at the ground-level ahead of the Assembly polls next year.

Sources in the Bengal BJP said the two top leaders have informed the state functionaries that they would like to interact with the party's booth workers directly to assess the party's internal issues as well as people's approach towards the saffron camp.

The idea to reach out to the workers was adopted in the state after the party's national leaders found Shah's interaction with booth-level workers ahead of the last Assembly elections in UP proved effective.

"The news of Shah's interaction with booth-level workers had motivated the foot sol-

diers of the party in UP. The party's national leadership is going to adopt the same strategy in Bengal to push the lower-rung workers for going all out in the next year's election. It will encourage our booth workers," said a BJP leader in Kolkata.

In his recent visit to Bengal, Shah had instructed with state functionaries to strengthen the party's organisational set up at the booth level. "He had directed us to convey the message that booth workers are the real asset of the party," added the BJP leader. After Shah's Bengal visit early this month, the saffron unit decided to organise party programmes at the booth-level once a week. The state has more than 77,000 polling booths.

"The process of listing booth workers' mobile numbers and their detail information is yet to be completed. Once that work is done and the party's national headquarters wants it, we will submit the list," said another BJP leader.

AIMIM legislator says 'Bharat' in oath, sparks row

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

TWO Muslim legislators on Monday scored talking points in the Bihar Assembly during the oath being administered by pro tem Speaker Jitan Ram Manjhi to the newly elected MLAs.

AIMIM MLA Akhtarul Imam reportedly refused to read the word 'Hindustan', insisting on 'Bharat'. On the other hand, Congress' Shaheel Ahmad Khan took oath in Sanskrit, earning him all-round applause.

Monday marked the first day of the five-day session of Bihar's 17th Assembly after the recently concluded polls.

Akhtarul Imam, the Kishanganj's Amour MLA, reportedly refused to read the word 'Hindustan', written in his oath paper in Urdu and insisted to replace it by 'Bharat'. Imam sought Manjhi's permission to speak the word 'Bharat'. A surprised Manjhi tried him to reason out with him, saying it was a tradition. But the MLA remained adamant and took the oath in the name of 'Bharat' instead of 'Hindustan'.

It drew a strong reaction



BJP MLC Deveshchandra Thakur and JD-U MLC Sanjay Jha (R) arrive at the Bihar Assembly on Monday | PH

from NDA MLAs. Niraj Singh Bablu, BJP MLA from Chhatapur in Supaul, said: "Those who don't like Hindustan should better go to Pakistan."

Amid the controversy, Imam clarified that he did not object to the word 'Hindustan', he rather "wanted to know why the word was writ-

ten in Urdu while in other oath papers, it was mentioned as Bharat".

He also tried to calm down tempers by reciting Sare jahan se achha Hindustan hamara. Hardly did the Imam episode die down when Katiyar's Kadwa Congress MLA Shaheel Ahmad Khan surprised everyone while taking

BJP dig at U'khand ex-CM over retirement comment

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

THE BJP on Monday took a dig at former Uttarakhand chief minister Harish Rawat for stating on social media that he might consider retiring from politics in 2024 when Congress leader Rahul Gandhi becomes the prime minister.

"It seems Rawat actually has no intention to retire because Rahul Gandhi is never becoming the prime minister," said Bansidhar Bhagat, BJP Uttarakhand president, at a press conference.

"We all respect Har Da (Harish Rawat) as our elder brother, but I think his wish to see Rahul Gandhi as Prime Minister of this country is

never going to happen."

Bhagat added that the people of India have faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the Bihar election was an example of that trust.

Earlier on Monday, Rawat took to social media saying: "I will retire, I definitely will but in 2024 after victory of democratic, supporters of Constitution. This (Retirement) will be possible after Rahul Gandhi ji becomes Prime Minister in 2024. Till then my well wishers shall wait and watch."

Bhagat said tickets for the assembly election would be distributed on the basis of individual performances by the legislators.

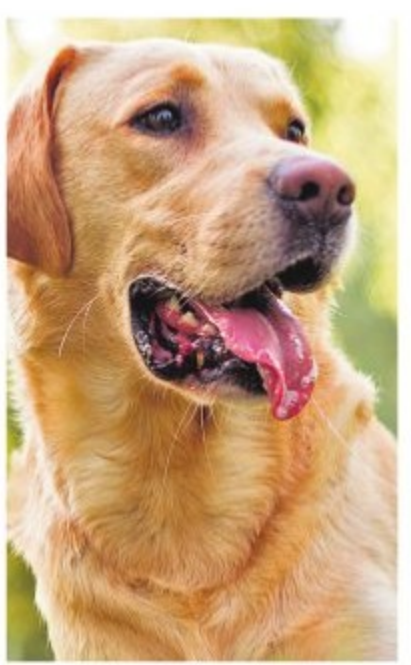
Kamal Nath's son tests Covid positive

Former CM Kamal Nath's son and Congress Lok Sabha MP Nakul Nath is the latest politician from Madhya Pradesh to have tested positive for the deadly coronavirus. "I was feeling mild symptoms of Coronavirus infection for the past couple of days. I got myself tested and it came positive. I have isolated myself at home and am resting. I request everyone who came in contact with me recently to get themselves tested," he tweeted.

A host of top politicians in the state have been infected by Covid-19 — from CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and BJP Rajya Sabha MP Jyotiraditya Scindia to a quarter of the MP cabinet, including the health minister, and a clutch of Congress MLAs.

Green corridor made for airlifting of Covid patient

A 25-km-long green corridor from the Hoshangabad Road to Raja Bhoj Airport in Bhopal was recently created for a Covid-19 patient, who was airlifted to Chennai. The 28-year-old patient, tested positive for the coronavirus three weeks ago, was being treated at a private hospital in Bhopal for Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). Despite efforts by doctors, the ARDS led to lung failure, necessitating urgent lung transplant in Chennai. The green corridor was subsequently created in Bhopal due to which, the patient reached the Airport in only 24 minutes. Covid-19 surge in Madhya Pradesh continued as for the second consecutive day on Sunday.



Tiff over dog ownership prompts DNA test

A dispute over the ownership of a Labrador dog between two neighbours has resulted in the DNA test of the three-year-old canine in Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh. The dispute took place between the family a journalist, Shadab Khan, and an ABVP leader, Kartik Shivhare. While Khan alleged that his missing black Labrador, named Coco, has been held captive by Shivhare's family and is trying to sell off the canine, the journalist's family claims that it's their dog — Tiger. After Khan approached the police in the matter, the cops collected the dog's blood samples for a DNA test to ascertain its owner.



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BHOPAL DIARY

BSP MLA wants to contest on BJP ticket

Firebrand BSP MLA Rambai Thakur has expressed willingness to join the ruling BJP and also contest the next Vidhan Sabha polls on its ticket. Thakur, legislator from Patharia seat of Damoh district, recently said senior MP ministers Bhupendra Singh and Govind Singh Rajput were like her brothers-in-law, while the state's home minister Narottam Mishra is an "elder brother" to her. "I want to join the BJP and also, contest the next assembly polls on a BJP ticket," she said recently. Her announcement was welcomed by Union minister and Damoh MP Prahlad Patel. Thakur is among the seven BSP, SP and Independent MLAs already backing the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government, which recently attained the majority on its own by winning 19 out of the 28 seats in the Assembly by-polls.

Economic reforms will continue: FM

FM Nirmala Sitharaman said that govt will pursue options to attract global investment

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FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday assured captains of industry that the government will continue the momentum of economic reforms to attract global investment.

"Even amid the time (of) Covid-19 pandemic, the Prime Minister has not lost an opportunity to take deep reforms, to undertake those kinds of reforms which have not seen the light of the day over the decades."

"The momentum for reform shall continue. Several more active reform-related steps are being taken up," Sitharaman said during her address at the National MNC's Conference

2020 organised by the industry chamber CII.

The financial sector is being professionalised and the government will continue with disinvestment agenda, she added.

On tax reforms, the finance minister said that the use of technology, such as faceless assessment, has eased the tax filing process.

The bold step of introducing faceless assessment has removed the element of discretion and will be the only way in which tax assesses will be engaging with authorities, promoting ease of compliance, she said.

Listing out reforms undertaken by the government in recent times, Niti Aayog Chairman Amitabh Kant, told the conference that, while the glo-

bal economy is facing contraction, India has initiated reforms in key sectors those such as including agriculture, labour and mining.

"The labour reforms will help in making India a manufacturing hub," Kant said adding that the country has also successfully improved its ranking in Global Innovation Index (GII).

Kant further added that disinvestment and asset monetisation will help the Central government further in raising revenues.

"We have identified several assets for monetisation including gas pipelines, power lines, highways, ports, airports," Kant said adding strategic disinvestment is another avenue to raise revenue to undertake capital investment.



Even amid the time Covid-19, the PM has not lost an opportunity to take deep reforms, to undertake those kinds of reforms which have not seen the light of the day over the decades

Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister

Shares of SREI Infra fall by 12.69% on special audit by RBI

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SHARES of SREI Infrastructure Finance fell by nearly 13 per cent on Monday after the Reserve Bank of India initiated a special audit of the NBFC and its subsidiary, Srei Equipment Finance Limited.

"We would like to inform you that a special audit of the company and its subsidiary, Srei Equipment Finance Limited, is being undertaken by an auditor appointed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in the exercise of its powers under Section 45 MA(3) of the RBI Act, 1934," the company had said in an exchange filing on Friday.

The stock fell as much as 15.6 per cent intraday on the BSE on

Monday. It closed 12.69 per cent lower at ₹5.85. Over the past year, the stock has fallen by over 23 per cent.

"SREI Infrastructure Finance fell 12.69% after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is conducting a special audit. Company has outstanding loans of more than ₹30,000 crores, however, the company clarified this to be a regular audit process. Recently the company is facing liquidity issues, and a sudden audit has hampered investor's confidence and so the stock over-reacted as it closed at 5.85 losing 0.85. Last few years have been rough for NBFCs as lenders turned cautious over liquidity norms, not to forget IIFL and DHFL were major dents for the investor's

confidence in this space," said Gaurav Garg, Head Research, CapitalVia Global Research Limited, Investment Advisor

Earlier, rating agency Brickwork Ratings downgraded long-term ratings of the firm to BB from BBB.

It said that the rating downgrade was mainly driven by continued stress on asset quality in the equipment and infrastructure financing loan portfolios, a significant decline in profitability and stretched liquidity position of the company on account of low collections.

SREI Infrastructure Finance's net profit dipped 91.5 per cent to ₹4.72 crore in the second quarter ended September 2020. It had posted a net profit of ₹55.37 crore in the year-ago period.

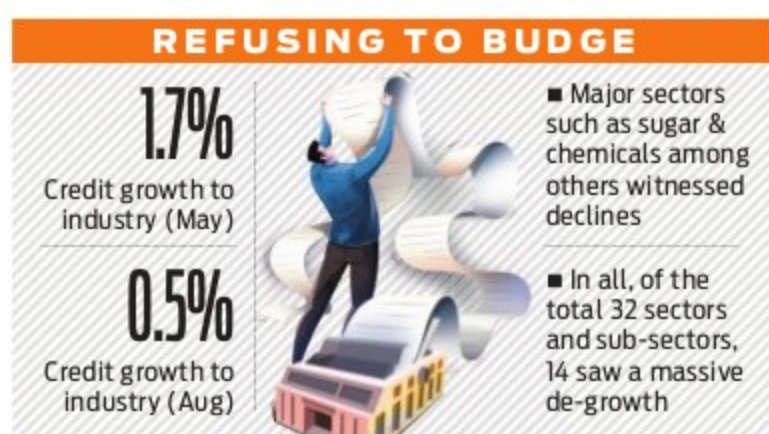
IT spending set to grow by 6% in 2021: Gartner

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THE Indian firms are expected to increase their IT spending to \$81.9 billion a 6 per cent increase from \$79.3 billion in 2020, research firm, Gartner said. The IT spending, however, reduced by 8.4% YoY with devices and data centre systems expenses witnessing steepest decline by 26% and 1.2%. However, contrary to global markets, where IT spending reduced across all segments, in India, the firms continued to spend on enterprise software, IT services and communication services in 2020. These segments are expected to grow 7%, 3.7% and 4.9%, respectively, according to the report.

"The Covid-19 pandemic stalled many digital transformation projects for Indian enterprises, mainly because of the market uncertainties and reduced cash flows. Organizations that were digitally sound in a pre-pandemic world could contain the impact on their business. The pandemic situation was a wake-up call for many organizations to relook and revive their IT strategies and increase their spending on IT in 2021," Arup Roy, research vice president at Gartner said.

The IT spending is projected to grow across all segments in 2021 with enterprise software leading the pack at a 13.6% growth rate to \$7.4 billion. As the companies world over woke up to the significance of digitizing their businesses as a survival strategy during the pandemic, Gartner says that the sentiment will persist next year with spending on setting up data centre systems likely to touch \$3.6 billion in the country. The companies are likely to increase their spending on communications services by 4.8% to \$28.2 billion and IT services to \$15.8 billion (an 8% YoY growth). Despite the dominant work from home culture, companies are likely to increase their spending on devices by 3.8% to \$6.7 billion.



INDUSTRIAL BANK CREDIT GROWTH STILL STRUGGLING

SUNITHA NATTI @ Hyderabad

WHILE data is increasingly showing signs of economic recovery, one key financial metric is refusing to budge. Growth in industrial bank credit remained nil as of September, and needs to cover much ground for any meaningful and sustainable recovery to commence.

This muted growth was a first during the current fiscal as bank credit even during the lockdown period and immediately thereafter stood at a relatively respectable 1-2%.

While credit growth to industry as of May was 1.7%, in the subsequent months of June, July and August, it stood at 2.2%, 0.8% and 0.5% respectively.

It could have slipped into negative territory, but for the government-backed Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to MSMEs (announced as part of fiscal stimulus), without which, overall credit growth to the industry would have seen a de-growth.

For instance, credit growth to both small and large industries slipped in and out the negative zone, but the overall incremental bank credit growth was perched up by disbursements under ECLGS. Banks have sanctioned ₹2.03 lakh crore of which ₹1.48 lakh

crore has been disbursed till October. This is higher than gross bank credit (food and non-food) growth of ₹1.2 lakh crore in absolute terms during May and October. Additionally, ECLGS has been announced for stressed sectors and further extended till March, 2021. It means, disbursements to the industry will likely maintain some momentum.

Within industry, major sectors such as sugar, chemicals and electronics among others witnessed significant declines. In all, of the total 32 sectors and sub-sectors, 14 saw a de-growth. Only a faster and steady growth in industrial credit growth would imply a step towards recovery, but such a prospect is unclear as banks are being selective with their credit portfolios due to asset quality concerns. As on November 6, even though the liquidity surplus in the banking system stood at nearly ₹5 lakh crore, banks are reluctant to lend. The surplus liquidity is also due to deposits growth outpacing credit growth persistently and investments in government securities.

Meanwhile, the overall credit growth in the banking sector increased marginally compared to last fortnight, indicating that consumers had started purchasing with the arrival of festive season, according to Care Ratings.

Credit risks high for infra projects in India: S&P

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INFRASTRUCTURE sectors will continue to feel the post-Covid heat, as credit risk will remain high and recovery will be slow, said rating agency Standard & Poor's.

In its presentation titled 'India's Infrastructure Recovery Won't Be Quick', the American rating agency said that credit risks are rising because of increasing debt levels and a "weakening of counterparties. Refinancing remains difficult for speculative grade-rated issuers".

Going sector-wise, the agency further added that the recovery in the airports' segment is unlikely before the year 2024, which will amplify refinancing risks. The rating agency also added that the profitability will come under pressure.

Talking about the power sector, S&P's said, a massive increase in overdue receivables post-March indicates a severe impact on already weak distribution companies (discoms).

"The liquidity relief loan will alleviate some pressure,

but will not fix structural problems. Weaker states' ability to support weak discoms will add to the strain," S&P said.

In ports, the rating agency added that the recovery is likely to be gradual and varied after a moderate deterioration. The recovery too should be in tandem with the GDP growth.

On the positive side, the rating agency did said that in the roads segment a steep fall has been followed by a period of sharp recovery. This gives confidence that traffic risk will subside. The annuity road projects are insulated from traffic risk.

Muthoot launches gold jewellery insurance scheme with Bajaj group

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MUTHOOT Finance has launched a gold jewellery insurance scheme, Gold Shield for its customers in partnership with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.

The policy provides insurance coverage of gold jewellery for individuals. This is designed to provide insurance coverage of gold jewellery articles for customers of the company at the time of closure of gold loan and release of gold ornaments. It will provide insurance coverage to the customers of Muthoot Finance as a loyalty product.

George Alexander Muthoot, managing director, Muthoot Fi-



nance said, "Muthoot Finance as a company has always believed in the philosophy of helping people and giving back to society. Going by the initial overwhelming response received for this insurance policy, it has been widely accepted by the customers of the company. As part of our ongoing customer loyalty programme and social commitment, we are pro-

viding customers with insurance coverage intending to build confidence and help move ahead in life without any fear."

The Scheme has the following unique benefits which are exclusive to this insurance policy. It covers burglary, robbery, theft from insured person's homes, loss-in-transit and 13 other disasters (natural calamities) and this is a standalone gold jewellery insurance offering.

Muthoot Gold Shield is provided at a nominal premium, which is lower than the industry average and zero documentation is required and it takes less than 2 minutes to generate a policy.

BIZ FORWARD

Over 10,000 startups take part in webinar

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THE lockdown has opened many opportunities for startups across the world.

To help startups channelise their business opportunities, a webinar was held on Monday where over 10,000 companies had registered.

Harish Bijoor, Brand Guru and founder of Harish Bijoor Consultants, speaker and organiser of the event — "How to Brand-Build a Unicorn from Scratch?", told TNIE that the workshop was designed to build unicorns, address 26 verticals and build an international network.

He said though there are many startups, they seem to be unaware of funding, brand building and paper work. To be global players, startups need to think out of the box.

In Bengaluru, around 18,000 startups are functioning because of education system, technology colleges and tech-based companies.

He said even other cities are racing to catch up on the startup front. Chandigarh, Trichy, Madurai, Ankara (in Turkey) and Malawi (in East Africa) are also seeing a rise in the number of startups.

POLICY CHANGE UP

Google defers in-app purchase commission cut

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GOOGLE has deferred its billing policy aimed to cut 30 per cent commission for in-app purchases from developers till September, 2021, the tech giant said on Monday.

The announcement comes days after industry rival Apple said that it will reduce its commission on its app store to 15 percent from 30 percent for app developers with yearly proceeds of less than 1 million a year.

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In India, Google has deferred



In murky waters

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its billing policy to April, 2022 after startups took the matter to the regulatory authorities, alleging that the search engine giant is misusing its dominant position in the Android market (nearly 97% market share in India).

In the US, Google is facing the biggest ever anti-trust probe in decades with the US department of Justice alleging

that the tech giant is maintaining its monopoly in the market through unhealthy practices and paying millions of dollars to other companies to promote its search engine in its products.

Experts say that the chances of the Joe Biden-led US government backing out of the lawsuit against Google are highly unlikely.

The tech giant based out of California, on its part, has said that its billing policy was already in place and that 97% of those who sell their digital goods use it.

"We're extending the time for developers in India to integrate with the Play billing system, to ensure they have enough time to implement the UPI for subscription payment option that will be made available on Google Play - for all apps that are yet to launch, or that currently use an alternative payment system, we set a timeline of March 31, 2022," Purnima Kochikar, Director of Business Development, Games & Applications, Google Play earlier said in a blog post.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

SBI LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Current Price

₹831.45

Target Price

₹1,050

SBILIFE continues to report steady growth in the Protection business, while the ULIP business is expected to see a gradual recovery. We expect growth to revive from FY22E. The company has reported a boost in the persistency rate. It is also looking to optimize its product mix. We expect operating RoEV to remain steady -18%, while EV clocks 17% CAGR over FY20-23E.E

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of T/NIE.

White HatJr granted interim injunction in defamation suit

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE Delhi High Court on Monday granted an interim injunction in favour of coding startup White HatJr, in a \$2.6 million defamation suit filed by the firm against an ex-Cisco engineer Pradeep Poonia.

White HatJr's CEO and founder Karan Bajaj had filed a complaint against Poonia alleging copyright, trademark infringement, invasion of privacy by accessing a private communication app, SLACK and defamation against Poonia. The HC has asked Poonia to take down the Youtube content as well as tweets, which display the content taken from White HatJr's website as well as refrain from commenting

on the professional background of teachers employed by the startup.

"The court directs Pradeep Poonia not to use, telecast or transmit any information received by hacking the White-Hat server. An interim injunction granted to White HatJr from hacking or unauthorizedly accessing the internal communication platform SLACK and displaying communication and chats between WhiteHat and its employees on his YouTube channel," the Delhi High Court said.

The court while registering the complaint has also sought replies from both the parties within 30 days and said that video evidence is to be filed in two weeks.



Daniil Medvedev came from behind to beat US Open champion Dominic Thiem in a gruelling encounter and win the biggest title of his career at the ATP Finals in London on Sunday. The Russian fourth seed was second best for large periods but found a way back into the contest and prevailed 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4.

Warner tale of transformation

Known for aggression until Sandpapergate, opener says age & fatherhood responsibilities calmed him down as person

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

TO say David Warner is a changed man post-Sandpapergate is stating the obvious. Up until then, his image was of a man always up for a confrontation or two, not afraid of even crossing the line at times. Then came Cape Town. An incident that rocked their set-up so much that Cricket Australia brought in an "Elite Honesty" policy that soon became a subject of ridicule.

Suspended from international cricket for a year, missing out on IPL, kept away from the leadership group and back in the fold again, to say Warner has mellowed down is an understatement. In Sunrisers Hyderabad, 'Davey' is an outstanding leader, who thrives on

responsibilities and never says no to a youngster approaching him for advice. VVS Laxman compares him to a soldier, who will blindly follow a command given to him.

Warner has been a centre of theatrics whenever India and Australia have clashed in this decade. "Speak English" jibe to Rohit Sharma, the famous 'come on, come on' imitation of Varun Aaron and countless run-ins with Virat Kohli. Even though Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft opened up about the Cape Town scandal, Warner chose to be silent.

Since then, Indian fans have seen a different version of Warner, who made them laugh over TikTok dance shows and hit Telugu numbers. As India and Australia prepare for an-



other showdown, Warner was asked whether verbal volleys will be back, particularly after how the Australian stayed away from sledging opponents last summer. "I find it funny," Warner began by saying in a media interaction. "For me, it's about getting in the contest, so that's basically when you're out there, you're trying to feel for something. Last summer, I was coming off the back of the England tour, so I really had to knuckle down and try and con-

centrate as much as I could, and try and get into a battle out there and contest with the opposition. I managed to find that in a different way and it worked. It's about trying to find that balance again when I'm out in the middle," said Warner.

That discipline on the field reflects on his batting too, where he has cut down risks, despite continuing to be aggressive. Attributing fatherhood as one of the factors that has made him calmer, Warner believes he has begun to mellow down with age. "I really took pride in the last 12-24 months, to apply that discipline and you keep learning as you get older. You've got to be on top of your game to be able to adapt to that. And not get too aggressive or angry when the kids aren't listening.

For me, I am getting tested on and off the field. So, it's about being calm and relaxed."

While the absence of Kohli towards the end of the tour could deprive the Test series of spice, Warner feels if India wanted to engage verbally, then Australia might change their approach. "I'll always draw from that, mate. To try and get engaged, that's the way they like to play as well. We saw that last time when we toured India. They engaged us like that. We're learning over time and trying not to engage in that. Probably try and reverse the effect by trying and ignoring it, trying to take it on board and using it against them by using your bat," Warner said.

India-Australia series live on Sony networks from Nov 27

Yachting body outlines proposed 2021 calendar

SRINIDHI PR @ Chennai

AFTER football and golf, sailing has also joined the list of disciplines resuming national-level competitions after the pandemic. The water sport came out of hibernation with the ongoing national championship in Mumbai (Nov 21 to 27). The Yachting Association of India (YAI) has come up with proposed domestic calendar, which is tentatively scheduled to begin from January 27. It has been forwarded to the Sports Authority of India for approval.

A total of 17 events are planned for 2021 with the Open Navy Windsurfing

Championship in Goa being the season opener. It will be a ranking event and will be considered as the first selection trial for RS:X, RS One category sailors for the 2022 Asian Games. The youth nationals are scheduled for April 28-May 3 in Chennai and the senior meet will be held in September last week in Mumbai.

There will be 10 ranking events next year with most of them doubling up as selection trials for the Asian Games. As far as venues are concerned, Mumbai, Goa and Chennai will host a majority of tournaments with two events planned in Hyderabad and one in Bhopal.

HYDERABAD STUN ODISHA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

GOING into the game, Odisha FC were the favourites over Hyderabad FC, thanks to the high-profile foreigners in their squad and a better head-to-head record. By the end of the night, they were second best in every department as Manuel Roca's side secured an impressive 1-0 win at GMC Bambolim Athletic Stadium on Monday.

Interestingly, it's the first time that Hyderabad kept a clean sheet in their short history. Having finished rock bottom last season, they couldn't have asked for a better start.

It was also a tale of two forwards as Aridane Santana, who swapped the Odisha colours for Hyderabad one, came back to haunt his old club. The Span-



Action from the match between Hyderabad FC & Odisha FC | SPORTSPICS

iard hit the winner from the spot in the 35th minute and spearheaded his team's attack brilliantly all night. Marcelinho, who had gone the other way in the transfer season, had a

night to forget and even had the ignominy of being replaced by 18-year-old Premjit Singh a little after half-time.

On Tuesday: Jamshedpur FC vs Chennaiyin FC | Live on Star Sports 1 @ 7.30 pm

'India should compete in high-level events'

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

THERE were speculations on his sudden departure from Indian athletics, but High Performance Director Volker Hermann did not want to delve into it. Neither did he want to discuss the reasons behind his departure. However, he agreed to speak about Indian athletics and its future. What he has seen and would like to see. Though one-and-a-half-year is not enough to bring about changes in the system, but he believes there were positive takeaways.



Volker Hermann

As he gets ready to leave in December, he talks about India's chances in the Tokyo Olympics and beyond. *Excerpts...*

How do you assess your term in office?

It was a good stint. I had got strong support from the (acting) chief coach Radhakrishnan Nair and we used to have a daily discussion of about two-three hours on athletes' progress. On the ground, we managed to implement quite a few things. Managed to bring in a lot of scientific approach to the management of athletes, especially in training and recovery. We managed to reduce injuries with the help of our support staff. From nutrition experts, physios to re-

covery experts, we brought in intense scientific training.

In the beginning I found that the athletes were reluctant to discuss their issues. But now the communication between athletes and coaching staff is better. This way we can help the athletes with their requirement.

India at Olympics...

There should be at least 35-40 athletes at the Tokyo Olympics. The javelin throwers, jumpers, race walkers, distance runners, 400m athletes (both men and women relay teams), I believe, should be participating next year. Some have qualified and some are expected to do so next year. In terms of finish, it will be a good sign if four or five finish in the top eight. By 2024 Games, we will have enough talent to win a medal or two.

What about exposure trips of athletes?

We need to participate in high class events and more regularly. It's there where athletes improve. Events like the Diamond Leagues (invitation) and other top events in Europe. We had talks with a European management company that takes care of athletes competing in top competitions. That was at the end of last year and could have made use of it but because of the pandemic we were stuck.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Suriya clinches national karting title

BENGALURU: Coimbatore's Suriya Varatan and Bangalore duo Ruhaan Alva and Ishaan Madesh emerged champions in the Meeco-FMSCI National Karting Championship (X30 Classes) that concluded here. This is the first national championship to be completed in the country.

TIROUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION
Tender Notice No. 139 / 2020-2021 Dt. 26.11.2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION EXTENSION NOTICE
Receipt and submission of tenders as per Tender Notice No. 139/2020-2021 is postponed due to administrative reason as detailed below.

Details	Date already notified	Date postponed
Last date for download of Bid documents	24.11.2020 Upto 15.00 Hours.	08.12.2020 Upto 15.00 Hours.
Submission of bids through e-submission	25.11.2020 Upto 15.00 Hours.	09.12.2020 Upto 15.00 Hours.
Tender Opening Date and Time	25.11.2020 Upto 16.00 Hours.	09.12.2020 Upto 16.00 Hours.

Other terms and Conditions remain unchanged.
Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER SOUTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE, BERMAMPUR
Phone : 0680-2281582, e-mail : sescpwr@yahoo.co.in
1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. SE, SC (R&B)-BAM-08/2020-21
vide Office Order No. 2782 dtd. 03.11.2020
No. 2976 // Dated: 17.11.2020

B-446: The following modifications have been made in the Bid Identification No. SE, SC (R&B)-BAM-08/2020-21.

Availability of Bid document in the website : From 23.11.2020 10.00 AM to 07.12.2020 4.00 PM instead of 17.11.2020 10.00 AM to 02.12.2020 4.00 PM

Bid shall be received only online upto 4.00 PM on 07.12.2020 instead of 4.00 PM on 02.12.2020.

Date of Opening of Bid : 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM instead of 03.12.2020 at 11.30 AM.

All other terms and conditions of the OTN shall remain unchanged.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Bermampur OIPR 34103/1/10/09/2021

Mysuru District Co-Operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd.,
Bannur Road, Alanahalli Post, Mysuru-570028.
Phone No: 0821-247475
Mail id: purmymul@gmail.com

IFT No: 100-279/MYML/ PUR/2020 Date: 20.11.2020
Tender Notification (Through e-Tender only)

Mysuru Dist. Co-Op Milk Union Ltd Invites tender for Co-packing of Milk & Curds in Chennai (inclusive of Processing, Pasteurizing, Standardizing, Homogenization, Packing, Refrigeration and Dispatch) sachets on Biennial rate contract through E-procurement portal. For the tender document please visit e-procurement platform at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Last date for uploading of document 27.11.2020 till 05.00 PM.

For further information please contact Dy. Manager (Purchase) during working hours. (Mobile No:9845284700)

Sd/-
Managing Director

BRIDGE & ROOF CO. (INDIA) LTD.
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
CIN No. U27310WB1920G01003601
"KANKARIA CENTRE", (4TH & 5TH FLOOR), 2/1, RUSSEL STREET, KOL-71

Notice Inviting eTender (eNIT) NO. :B&R/ HO /40087 / NIT / SUPPLY, ERECTION OF BARRICADING STRUCTURE / NIT / 01, DT. 24.11.2020.

ONLINE ITEM RATE OFFER(S) IN TWO PART SYSTEM ARE INVITED FROM REPUTED, RESOURCEFUL AND EXPERIENCED PARTIES MEETING PRESCRIBED QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR "DESIGN, SUPPLY & ERECTION OF PREFABRICATED BARRICADING STRUCTURE & GI SHEETING WORK ON SUB-CONTRACT BASIS IN CONNECTION WITH LSTK-2 PACKAGE FOR STORAGE TANKS AT IOCL PARADIP REFINERY, ODISHA, INDIA".

INTERESTED BIDDER(S) WILL HAVE TO BE ENROLLED & REGISTERED WITH THE GOVERNMENT E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM, THROUGH LOGGING ON TO <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF OFFER IS 08.12.2020 UP TO 16:00 HOURS.

ADDENDUM / CORRIGENDUM IF ANY, SHALL BE HOSTED IN COMPANY'S WEBSITE: www.bridgeroof.co.in and CPP portal: <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> only.

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
State Disaster Response & Fire Services Dept.
Tender Notification Through 'e'-Procurement
Rc.No.3270/S1/Chassis/2020, Dt: 20-11-2020
Online tenders are invited under e-procurement platform for "Procurement of Chassis (18.5 Tons capacity) for Water Tenders Procurement of Chassis (28 Tons capacity) for Water Browsers as per Departmental Specifications and Requirement of items furnished at Part-C." Bid document download start date: 25.11.2020 at 11hrs Bid document download end date: 5.12.2020 at 17hrs Bid submission closing date: 7.12.2020. At 17hrs. Details can be seen at e-market place i.e., www.eprocurement.gov.in or <http://tender.eprocurement.gov.in>. Ph. No. 08662570101. Mob. No.98499 06104
Sd/- Director General, Prisons and Correctional Services (HFC) Director General, State Disaster Response & Fire Services, Vijayawada, A.P.
DIPR No. 1407/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21, Dt: 23/11/2020

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No. 417, Pantheon Road, Chennai-600 008.
Phone : 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259 / Mobile : 09940188236
Website : www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in, E-Mail : mngprdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Sealed Tenders are invited for the supply of Disposable Sterile Gloves by TNMSC Ltd., Chennai - 600008 from the Manufacturers or Direct Importer or Loan Licensees having Valid Loan License having three years Market Standing.

Tender Reference No.	006/M(P)/GLOVES/TNMSC/2020, Dated 25.11.2020
Tender Document Sale Period	25.11.2020 to 04.12.2020
Last Date and Time for receipt of tender	05.12.2020 upto 10.30 AM
Date and Time of opening	05.12.2020 at 11.00 AM

The tender document can be downloaded from the websites of www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in and www.tenders.tn.gov.in on free of cost.
DIPR/A360/Tender/2020 General Manager (Drugs)

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Name of Work: Construction of RCC circular pumphouse at Jampenahalli tank, Supply, Erection, Electrification and Commissioning of 0.50MLD automatic pressurized micro screen filtration plant behind KSRTC Busstop, Construction of Filtration room behind KSRTC busstop, SEEC of 2-6 HP or suitable HP submersible centrifugal pumps with allied accessories at open well near Jampenahalli tank, Construction of Compound wall allround the WTP at Agrahara tank under providing water supply facilities to Koratagere town, Under Nagarothana-3. **Amount put to Tender:** Rs.69,49,624.00 (excluding GST which will be reimbursed separately) **Earnest Money Deposit::** Rs.1,40,000.00.

Tender Number: Tender Notification no. KUWSDB/EE/TMK/TEC/TA/AE-1/KRT-DCW Nag-P-3/1374/2020-21 dtd: 17.11.2020. **Tender Indent no.** KUWSDB/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT 2851 dtd:18.11.2020

Tender details: (1) Cost of Bid Document: As per e-Procurement Portal (2) Pre-Bid Meeting: Not Applicable (3) Date for commencement of downloading of tender document: **19.11.2020** (4) Last date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **27.11.2020** upto 17.30 hours (5) Last date and Time for receipt of Tenders **16.12.2020** upto 17.30 hours (6) Date and time of opening of Techno commercial Bid **18.12.2020** after 11.00 hours. The details regarding participation in e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> and also from the office of the undersigned during office hours. Phone No.0816-2200209, Mobile No.+91 9480813134

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KUWS. & D. Board, TUMAKURU Division, Ramakrishana Ashrama Road, Amarajyothi Nagara, Tumkur-572105
DIPR/TUM/303/MCA/2020-21

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JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LTD.
The Chief Accounts Officer(B & R)
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U40109RJ2005SC016483
Regd. Office: New Power House, Jodhpur- 342003
E-mail: caorevenuejodhpur@gmail.com Web site: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/jodhpur
Phone No: 0291-3742332; Fax No: 0291-51060

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Techno-commercial and Price E-Proposal is invited from eligible bidders against TN-05/2020-21 for "Providing Online Payment Gateway And Electronic Payment Services" for Jodhpur Discom against TN-05/2020-21 The UBN No. are UBN No. JVV2021SLRC00272
Details regarding TN-05/2020-21 cost, earnest money, date of TN-05/2020-21 opening etc. are available at our website <http://sppp.raj.nic.in/> www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/jodhpur. The applicant, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the TN-05/2020-21 documents before submitting their bid only through on line on website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
Chief Accounts Officer (B&R)
Raj Bannwar/C204995

GOVT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS KOPPAL. Phno & Fax: 08539-221303 Email ID:- ddpi.edu.karkpl@nic.in

No:Pala-1/KKRDB/Tender/21/2019-20/2020-21
DATE:-19-11-2020
Short Term E-Procurement tender Notification
Subject:-providing dual desks for government primary & High school of kustagi taluk, koppal district.
In the Year 2019-20,kalyana Karnataka Regional Development plan, Short term E-Procurement tender notification for providing Dual Desks to government primary & High schools of kustagi Taluk, koppal district in two cover system. The following are the terms and conditions for competitive prices Under KTPP Act 1999 & 2000
1. Notification of tender: 19-11-2020. 2. Amount of tender: Rs: 116.85 (Lakhs). 3. Last Date for Upload tender form: 09-12-2020 4-30 Pm. 4. Openign of Technical bid: 11-12-2020 11-00 Am. 5. Openign of Financial bid: 19-12-2020. 6. EMD Amount To be paid with tender Document: 2,92,125/- (2.5 %)
Tender forms and for more information please visit www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in tender No:SSAKPL/2020-21/IND306
Sd/- Secreatary Tender Verification Committee & DDPI Admin Department of Public instructions koppal
DIPR/Koppal/222/MCA/2019-20

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA STATE ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY
7th Floor, MSIL House, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru - 560052
Ph : 080-22371120, Email: rsddirector@yahoo.in

No:KSRSATender-1/SR-28/2020-21 Date: 23-11-2020
e-Tender Notification

Tender is invited by Karnataka State Road Safety Authority through e-procurement portal from registered and eligible firms to establish 'Road Safety Awareness Centers' in the selected Regional Transport Offices in the State.

Interested firms can obtain details through online at e-procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. Tenderers may take assistance from e-procurement help desk: 080-46010000, 080-22631200, 080-68948777 and email: support@eprocelpdesk.com

Last date and time for submission of tenders through online is 09-12-2020, 5:30 pm.

For clarifications please contact email: rsddirector@yahoo.in

Sd/-
Additional Commissioner
DIPR/DDU/Zen/R/O:1793/2020-21 Karnataka State Road Safety Authority, Bengaluru.

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KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)
Name of work: Appointment of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for the proposed Sites & Services scheme at Mundargi village, Mundargi taluk, Gadag district.
• **Notification No.:** KHB/CE/PMC/NIT No.62/2020-21 Date: 19.11.2020
• **Last date for submission of bid -** 19.12.2020 up to 4.00 PM.
For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Phone No. 080-22213511 / 080-22100077
web site : www.karnatakahousing.com <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

DIPR/DOU/1775/AKAR/2020-21
COVID-19 - DON'T SPREAD RUMOURS. ACT RESPONSIBLY. AVOID INFECTION-NOT THE INFECTED.

Government of Karnataka
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mandya Division, Mandya. Phone No. 08232-222363, Email: eerwsmdy@gmail.com
No. EE/RDW&SD/MDY/JJM TENDER/2020-21/1503 Date: 20.11.2020
TERNDER TIME EXTENSION NOTIFICATION
Tender is invited for FHCT works of vide this office Notification No: 08/2020-21 Dt: 13.11.2020 is extended due to technical reasons. Regarding submission of tender and for more details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of karnataka www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from this office during working hours. Except these there is no other change in the original tender Notification.
Sd/- Executive Enigneer R.D.Water & S Division, Mandya
DIPR/MANDYA/SHIRDISAI/32/2020-21
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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala- 147001
Corporate Identification number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SG033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
Phone No. 0175-2213047, Fax No. 0175-2225024
Mob : 096461-82644, 096461-11035, email : pocablensteel@yahoo.in
e-tendering page : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE

Short Description	Quantity (No.)	
Supply of sub-station structure for mounting of 11/0.4 kv transformer on 9 meter double pole and 11 meter double pole against tender enquiry no. Q0-1303/PSPCL/PO/C&S, of following quantity :-		
Sr.No.	Item	Quantity (No.)
1	Sub Station structure for 9 m double pole	7000
2	Sub Station structure for 11 m double pole	350

Start date for downloading of Specification / tender documents from www.eproc.punjab.gov.in 23 November, 2020

Last date for downloading of Specification / tender documents from www.eproc.punjab.gov.in 24 December, 2020 (upto 11:00 AM)

Last date of Bid Submission 24 December, 2020 (upto 11:00 AM)

Bid Opening date 30 December, 2020 (11:00 AM)

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to www.eproc.punjab.gov.in.
Note:- It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website www.pspcl.in

465/C-357/2020-23.11.2020
DPR/107782/2020
Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organisation, PSPCL, Patiala.

PARO TAKTSANG

Popular among trekkers as the Tiger's Nest, Paro Taktsang sits on the cliff side of the upper Paro valley

PADMASAMBHAVA CONNECT

According to a legend, it is one of thirteen Tiger's Nest caves in historical Tibet, where Padmasambhava or Guru Rinpoche taught Vajrayana. The legend states that Padmasambhava flew to this location from Singye Dzong on the back of a tigress, which gives the temple its popular name

THE OTHER LEGEND

Another story states how a former wife of an emperor became a disciple of Padmasambhava

After she transformed herself into a tigress, carrying Padmasambhava on her back from Tibet to Bhutan. In one of the caves, he meditated and revealed his eight incarnations and the place came to be known as the 'Tiger's Nest'

A fire broke out in the main building of the monastery complex, where a monk lost his life. An electrical short-circuit or flickering butter lamps may could have been the cause of the inferno

1998

MEDITATION CENTRE

11th Century CE

The period saw many monks and religious leaders from Tibet who established various schools coming in the kingdom

14th Century

First sanctuary was built in the area. This was determined after studying the paintings found in the complex

1692 CE

A monastery complex was built around the cave where Padmasambhava meditated

EXFILE • ARCHITECTURE

Chants of Padmasambhava in 'Land of the Thunder Dragon'

Padmasambhava brought Vajrayana Buddhism in Tibet in the 8th Century CE from where it was taken to the neighbouring kingdoms. Born in the kingdom of Oddiyana, Padmasambhava is considered to be the second Buddha among many Vajrayana Buddhists in Nepal, Tibet, eastern India and Bhutan. Historians place Oddiyana in Pakistan's Swat Valley. However, alternative theories have connected it to modern-day Odisha. We take a look at two monuments in Bhutan where Padmasambhava is revered

CULTURAL LEGACY

Dzong, which means a type of fortress, is the second oldest and second-largest in the kingdom

It hosts various festivals, including Darche — where re-enactment of the Tibetan invasion of Bhutan in 1639 takes place, celebrating Bhutanese triumph

WHO BUILT IT?

1637-38 CE

It was constructed by Ngawang Namgyal, the first Zhabdrung Rinpoche

PADMASAMBHAVA'S PROPHECY

Local legends tell how Padmasambhava had prophesied that "a person named Namgyal will arrive at a hill that looks like an elephant". Ngawang Namgyal spotted the peak of the hill, which appeared in the shape of trunk of an elephant as prophesied and he built the current fortress

PUNAKHA DZONG

Also called Pungthang Dewachenbi Phodrang, the building serves as the administrative centre of Punakha District

CAPITAL OF BHUTAN

1907

Punakha Dzong served as the place where Ugyen Wangchuck was coronated, after he reunited Bhutan after defeating the regional lords

WRATH OF NATURE

As the dzong sits between two rivers, flash floods have caused devastating damages to the fortress in the past, with the most recent being in 1996

1897

The 1897 Assam Earthquake, with 8.0 magnitude severely damaged the fortress

6-storied

structure that sits at an elevation of 1,200 metres and has been listed as a tentative site in the Tentative List for UNESCO inclusion

New China probe to scoop out 2kg of lunar rocks

Chang'e-5 spacecraft, originally planned for 2017, will collect samples and send it to Earth in a capsule by December

SPACE

BEIJING: China is preparing to launch an unmanned spacecraft on Tuesday to bring back lunar rocks, the first attempt by any nation to retrieve samples from the moon in four decades.

Beijing is pouring billions into its military-run space programme, with hopes of having a crewed space station by 2022 and of eventually sending humans to the moon.

The Chang'e-5 probe, named after the mythical Chinese moon goddess, aims to shovel up lunar rocks and soil to help

scientists learn about the moon's origins, formation and volcanic activity on its surface. The mission is set to take off from the Wenchang Space Center on the southern island province of Hainan, according to the official *Xinhua* news agency.

The China National Space Administration (CNSA) said on its WeChat social media account that the launch was planned for between 1:30 am and 2:30 am (IST) on Tuesday.

The original mission,

planned for 2017, was delayed due to an engine failure in China's Long March 5 launch rocket. If successful, China will be only the third country to have retrieved samples from the moon, following the US and the Soviet Union in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Chinese probe will collect two kilograms of surface material in a previously unexplored area known as Oceanus Procellarum — or 'Ocean of Storms' — which consist of a vast lava plain, according to the journal *Nature*.

If successfully launched, the probe is expected to land on the Moon in late November and collect material during one lunar day — equivalent to around 14 Earth days. The samples will be returned to Earth in a capsule programmed to land in northern China's Inner Mongolia region in early December, according to US space agency NASA.

The mission is technically challenging and involves several innovations not seen during previous attempts at collecting moon rocks, said Jonathan McDowell, an astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

"The US never did a robotic sample return. The Soviet one was very limited and could only land at certain restricted spots," McDowell told *AFP*.

"China's system will be the most flexible and capable robotic sample return system yet," he said.

A Chinese lunar rover landed on the far side of the Moon in January 2019, in a global first that boosted Beijing's ambitions to become a space superpower.

It was the second Chinese probe to land on the moon, following the Yutu (Jade Rabbit) rover mission in 2013.

Fresh lockdowns in three Chinese cities

HEALTH

BEIJING: Chinese authorities are testing millions of people, imposing lockdowns and shutting down schools after multiple locally transmitted coronavirus cases were discovered in three cities across the country last week.

As temperatures drop, widespread measures are being enacted in Tianjin, Shanghai and Manzhouli, even though the number of new cases remains low compared to the United States and other countries that are seeing new waves of infections.

Experts and government officials have warned that the chance of the virus spreading will be greater in cold weather. Recent flareups have shown that there is still a risk of the virus returning, despite being largely controlled within China.

On Monday, the National Health Commission reported two new locally transmitted cases in Shanghai over the previous 24 hours, bringing the total to seven since Friday. China has recorded 86,442 cas-

es overall and 4,634 deaths since the virus was first detected in the central Chinese city of Wuhan late last year.

Shanghai has been more selective with mass testing, targeting people associated with a particular place, such as the airport or the hospital where someone who has tested positive had worked, rather than an entire district.

In Tianjin, health workers have collected more than 2.2 million samples for testing from residents in the Binhai new district, after five locally transmitted cases were discovered there last week. In Manzhouli, a city of more than 2,00,000 people, local health authorities are testing all residents after two cases were reported on Saturday.

China's approach to controlling the pandemic has been criticised for being draconian. It locked down the city of Wuhan, where cases were first reported, for more than two months to contain the virus, with the local government shutting down all traffic and confining residents to their homes.



FAREWELL PARTY

A wildlife caretaker feeds Kaavan, Pakistan's only Asian elephant, during his farewell ceremony before travelling to a sanctuary in Cambodia later this month, at the Marghazar Zoo in Islamabad on Monday | *AFP*

Ice bucket challenge co-founder dies

OBITUARY

YONKERS: A co-founder of the social media ALS ice bucket challenge, which has raised more than \$200 million worldwide for Lou Gehrig's disease research, died on Sunday at the age of 37, according to the ALS Association.

Pat Quinn was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, in 2013, a month after

his 30th birthday, the organisation said in a statement announcing his death.

In 2014, Quinn saw the ice bucket challenge on the social media feed of golfer Chris Kennedy, who first dared his wife's cousin Jeanette Senerchia to take a bucket of ice water, dump it over her head, post a video on social media and ask others to do the same or to make a donation to charity. Senerchia's husband had ALS.

Quinn and co-founder Pete Frates, along with their teams of supporters, helped popularise the challenge.

Lou Gehrig's disease, named after the New York Yankees great who suffered from it — is also known as ALS or motor neuron disease. It is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that leads to paralysis due to the death of motor neurons in the spinal cord and brain. There is no known cure.

FACT OF THE MATTER

3D-printed nasal swab



HEALTH

Researchers have developed 3D-printed nasopharyngeal (NP) swabs using a point-of-care 3D printer in response to the critical shortage of NP swabs for Covid-19 testing. "To date, we have printed more than 1,00,000 3D NP swabs, and hospitals around the world have used our 3D files to print tens of millions more swabs for point-of-care use," said Summer Decker from University of South Florida. The flocked NP swab consists of a narrow plastic rod and a tip covered in a flocked polyester material. The final prototype, developed using FormLabs printers and surgical grade resin, was sent to infectious disease specialists for validation testing, where it displayed identical results to the flocked swab in the head-to-head trial.

10 yrs prison for 'eco-cide'?



ENVIRONMENT

France will make serious intentional damage to the environment punishable by up to 10 years in prison as part of planned "eco-cide" law, government ministers said in remarks published on Sunday. The law was one recommendation from a Citizens' Convention for the Climate, a group created by the government a year ago, bringing together 150 people from the French population to discuss the environment. An "eco-cide" offence would be sanctioned by up to 4.5 million euros (\$5.3 million) in fines or up to 10 years in prison in cases of "intentional violation" of environmental laws, Justice Minister Eric Dupont-Moretti and Ecological Transition Minister Barbara Pompili told the *JDD* weekly.

Vegans at higher risk of fractures

RESEARCH

Compared with people who ate meat, vegans with lower calcium and protein intakes (on average) had a 43 per cent higher risk of fractures anywhere in the body, researchers have warned. According to the findings, published in the journal *BMC Medicine*, vegetarians and people who ate fish but not meat had a higher risk of hip fractures, compared to people who ate meat. However, the risk of fractures was partly reduced once body mass index (BMI), dietary calcium and dietary protein intake were taken into account. "We found that vegans had a higher risk of total fractures which resulted in close to 20 more cases per 1,000 people over a 10-year period compared to people who ate meat," said study author Tammy Tong. The authors observed no significant differences in risks between diet groups for arm, wrist or ankle fractures once BMI was taken into account.

MARTIAN WEATHER

NASA's Curiosity data show signs of an ancient megaflood on the Red Planet

SPACE

NEW YORK: Giant flash floods once washed through Gale Crater on Mars' equator around four billion years ago, according to a study which hints at the possibility that life may have existed on the planet.

The research, published recently in the journal *Scientific Reports*, assessed data collected by NASA's Curiosity rover — launched in 2011 — and found that "gigantic flash floods," likely touched off by the heat of a meteoritic impact, unleashed the ice stored on the

Martian surface. Based on the analysis, scientists including those from Cornell University, said these floods of "unimaginable magnitude" set up gigantic sedimentary structures familiar to scientists on the Earth.

"We identified megafloods for the first time using detailed sedimentological data observed by the rover Curiosity," said study co-author Alberto G. Fairén from Cornell University, in the US.

According to the scientists, geological features including the work of water and wind

have been frozen in time on Mars for about four billion years. They said these features convey processes that shaped the surface of both the Earth and the Mars in the past.

This case includes the occurrence of giant wave-shaped features in sedimentary layers of Gale crater, often called "megaripples" or "antidunes" that are about 30-feet high and spaced about 450 feet apart, lead author Ezat Heydari, a professor of physics at Jackson State University, noted.

The antidunes are indicative of flowing megafloods at the



NASA's Curiosity Mars rover took this selfie at a location nicknamed 'Mary Anning', after a 19th century English palaeontologist. The rover snagged three samples of drilled rock at the site on its way out of the Glen Torridon region | *NASA*

bottom of Mars' Gale Crater about four billion years ago, which are identical to the features formed by melting ice on Earth about two million years ago, Heydari added.

According to the study, the most likely cause of the Mars flooding was the melting of ice from heat generated by a large impact, which released carbon dioxide and methane from the planet's frozen reservoirs.

The water vapour and release of gases combined to produce a short period of warm and wet conditions on Mars, the researchers said.

They believe the condensation may have formed water vapour clouds, which in turn likely created torrential rain, possibly planetwide. This water may have entered Gale Crater, and combined with water coming down from Mount Sharp in Gale Crater to produce gigantic flash floods.

The Curiosity rover science team had already established that Gale Crater once had persistent lakes and streams in the ancient past, with researchers believing that they could have been capable of supporting microbial life.



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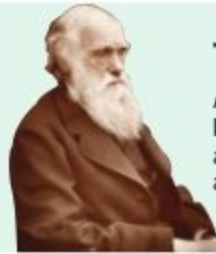
DAY'S DIARY

On the Origin of Species

Charles Darwin published *On the Origin of Species* on this day in 1859 and forever changed the way humans think about science

BASIS FOR EVOLUTION

Origin of Species was a result of more than 20 years of work. This has become the basis for modern evolutionary science and this book is simply one of the most influential publications in history



THE THEORY

According to Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection the individuals that are better adapted to their environment are most likely to survive and reproduce. Those less adapted will not survive



CELEBRATING HIS WORK

In 1909 over 400 scientists and dignitaries from 167 countries gathered at Cambridge to celebrate the centenary of Darwin's birth and the 50th anniversary of the publication of *On the Origin of Species*



CAUGHT IN A WEB

Digital platforms may be dishing out new content fervently but independent filmmakers continue to struggle for visibility



Prateek Prajosh

Monika Monalisa

The pandemic has seen an ever-evolving cycle of new innovations. As theatres were declared unsafe, movie producers and creators swiftly turned to the online space to bring out new content. So much so that even Friday's theatrical releases saw openings on OTT platforms. While these mediums, which were traditionally started to provide a platform to independent movies, have seen a huge change in content over a period of time, many independent filmmakers say it still is difficult for them to sell their



Pooja Sampath

movie to leading platforms. City-based filmmaker Vivek Ram, whose works are usually animated, says the right network matters when it comes to selling content to the bigger OTT platforms. "If you want to sell your product to players like Netflix or Amazon, it's always about having the right connections who will green light the project. There are many smaller platforms too but getting costs retrieved through them is difficult," says Ram, who is currently working on an animated web series. Animation movies, he says, cost more, making the search for a buyer difficult. "A one-minute animation movie will cost close to a few lakh of rupees. For example, the animated web series



A still from Rawas by Prateek Prajosh

I am currently working on, has production charges close to ₹2 crore. Whenever we pitch the concept to a platform, they back out due to the cost," explains Ram, who is choosing to focus on various festivals to make a profit out of the work.

Agrees Prateek Prajosh, whose last movie, *Mrs. Nambiar: More Than Just A Teacher*, was based on the National Award-winning teacher, Meenakshi Nambiar. He narrates his experience of his short movie, *Rawas*, based on the topic of male rape, and says it was not picked by bigger platforms because of the sensitive topic. "It was an eight-minute long movie made in 2019. But I didn't get any platform release so the movie got delayed and was released in 2020," says Prajosh, who finally released it on a YouTube channel called Humaramovie. Such issues make it difficult for filmmakers to make a profit out of their passion projects. "Usually, if the

movie is bought by a bigger company like Netflix or Amazon Prime, then you can retrieve most of the cost. My movies are low-budget, but even then breaking even is a big thing," adds Prajosh, emphasising that digital platforms are being overrun with commercial content.

So how do independent filmmakers meet their financial needs? Pooja Sampath, a filmmaker who has been living in Bengaluru for one year, says smaller projects like ad films helps. Sampath - who directed *Beauty and the Feast* on Disney Hotstar, featuring Sumukhi Suresh, and whose short film *Notary* won best LGBTQ film at Independent Shorts Awards in LA - says, "Apart from that, sometimes you are called to direct a web series or movie, which is not your own script. But if it comes to getting a go-ahead for your personal project from any big OTT platform, then there's a long way to go."

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—Vivek Ram, filmmaker



Kameshwar Navak

English or Kannada. "If people are choosing English, all the instructions will come in English but the words will be written in Kannada," he explains.

The game comes following their research that there are hardly any games on regional languages. "We try and do some in-house projects. This is one such thing," says Kumar. It began as an experiment between their design and content team. Soon they realised there is scope for a larger project. "Next billion digital users are going to be in tier-2 or tier-3 cities and they have many people speaking regional languages. Rather than making them learn a new language, why not make something they are already comfortable in," says Kumar, who shares that a new update would include multi player options. The app is available on iOS and Android platforms.

CITY READ

Week-long activities for social service

Round Table India and Ladies Circle India Week is celebrated across the country by all the chapters with an aim to spread awareness on education and social service activities. This year, it is scheduled between Nov. 22 and 28. All the Round Table and Ladies Circle chapters in Area 6 (Bengaluru, Vellore, Tumkur and Hosur) have come together to plan various activities like Covid relief, cataract operations, computer lab setup in underprivileged schools, etc.

Game design contest for students

PMI South Asia has launched the Project Management Game-A-Thon, a contest for college and university students. Being held in association with TechGig professional networking service and GitHub collaborative website, this contest asks students to design a project management-themed digital game. For details, visit techgig.com/hackathon/pmgameathon2020

What's the (Kannada) word?

Learn Kannada words and pronunciation in a fun way through this new game

Express Features

Bored of Candy Crush, Temple Run or Among Us? Fret not. There's a new game on the block that will not just help you pass time but also help you learn Kannada. City-based digital agency Pan Orbit has come up with a word search game called Pada, which can improve Kannada vocabulary.

The game currently has 48 levels and the makers assure that both non-Kannadigas and Kannadigas can easily play the games. "It has 1,000-2,000 unique Kannada words. The

levels begin with two-lettered words and goes up till six and seven-lettered words," says Madan Kumar, co-founder of the company. By the end of a level, a player can expect to learn the meaning of the words in English, along with its pronunciation. "It's not just for non-Kannadigas. I am a Kannadiga and I still would not know half the words. Anyone can try it," adds Kumar, who co-founded the company with Kameshwar Navak and Varsha Kulkarni. The game also has daily challenges for extra points. The player gets an option to choose the game in



Back with a bounce

City hoopster talks about staying alone and training amid the pandemic in the US

Express Features

Bengaluru girl Sanjana Ramesh is currently in her second year with the Northern Arizona University

(NAU) women's basketball team in the United States. But this year has been completely different from the last season due to the pandemic, and with the 19-year-old living away from her family, life is not easy for her in

the prevailing situation. Sanjana is adjusting to the new normal, wherein she gets tested for Covid-19 thrice a week, and gyms are also open during a specific time. Even when it comes to food, there is no dine-in and takeaway is the usual option. She has also been extra careful about isolation, and hopes to get involved more in the upcoming National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Basketball Season.

"I have had to make sacrifices due to Covid-19," the India hoopster said in a virtual interaction. "I don't want to take any risks. I am here in the United

States. What if I get the virus? I will not have the support system that I have back home. I am more isolated. It is the necessary sacrifice to make if you want to play this season and I want to do that."

It is a little strange, knowing that we will be touching, breathing and sharing the air in the same place

—Sanjana Ramesh, basketball player



Soundarya Jayachandran

THE RIGHT MATCH

City-based singer Soundarya Jayachandran on crooning her first Hindi song for Netflix's new show *Mismatched*, which also features renditions by popular names like Prateek Kuhad and Ritviz

Monika Monalisa

Fresh off its Friday release, Netflix's new show, *Mismatched*, is all about teenage love and dreams, set in the scenic locales of Rajasthan. But besides winning hearts, the show - which stars Rannvijay Singha, Prajakta Kohli and Rohit Saraf - also offers an array of foot-tapping music, featuring songs by well-known names like Prateek Kuhad, Nikita Gandhi and Ritviz. Joining this lineup is city-based singer Soundarya Jayachandran, who lent her voice for the song *Jaana*.

Jayachandran recalls this collaboration as things just falling in place at the right time. "Nigel Rajaratnam, who has produced the song, and I had worked together previously. When he got to know that Jasleen Royal, who has written the song, was looking for a voice for the song, he got in touch with me. He felt my voice will fit the song," says Jayachandran, who adds that the song has a mellow yet dark tune.

Mostly known for her English songs - original and covers - she does get nervous about singing in Hindi. "It's just that I am too critical about my Hindi pronunciation. But I do love singing Hindi ballads, since I have been trained in Carnatic classical music for 10 years," says Jayachandran, confessing that she still finds it a little difficult.

cult to write songs in Hindi. Apart from being trained in Indian classical music, the singer, who is in her mid-twenties, is also trained in guitar from Trinity College of Music, London, and learnt western classical vocals from AR Rahman's KM Music Conservatory in Chennai.

Jayachandran also recently launched her first album, *Riding Daylight*, which has 11 songs. "It's a visual concept album where every song has an abstract video. The first song, *In The Middle*, is out now and on the 11th of every month, I am going to drop the other songs," she says. She is also working on her own firm, Catiko Productions. "It will take care of content creation, ad films, set design, etc. The last six months have been tough. Through this production house, I look forward to financial stability," says the singer.

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—Soundarya Jayachandran, singer

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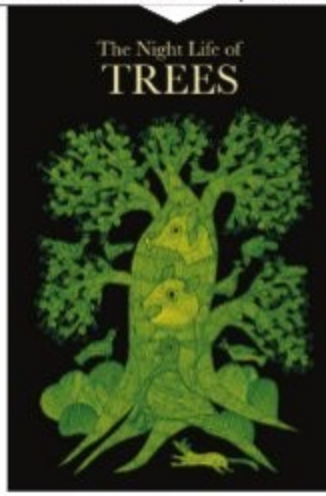
The team has also held a meetings about the dos and don'ts around Covid-19. This season is going to be a big test for all players, including Sanjana, at both the physical and the mental level. They have had sessions with therapists too.

"My personal goals are that at least for 10 minutes a game, I want to be the leading shot blocker in our conference, get rebounds... Also, it is going to be hard if even one of the players gets Covid in our team. Even if everyone else is fine, we have a 14-day shutdown," Sanjana said.



LAST OF THE AMERICAN STORY

Reebok and Pter Moss drops the final offering from Collection 3. This final offering marks the last chapter in the "American, Also" story. "American, Also" told across Collection 1, 2 and 3—over the past three years—encourages dialogue and gives voice to stories historically erased and distorted. The collection is priced from ₹5,999. Available at select retail stores



TALES FROM KOREA

In the fifth edition of the Travelling Tales series, Inko Centre presents *The Night Life of Trees*, published in Korea by Borim Press, on November 25 at 5 pm. They bring you the story of the making of this book, short notes on the artists and art work and much else on this engaging narrative. Watch on: Youtube.com/taibooks



CHRISTMAS CHEER

This Holiday season, Starbucks launches its limited-edition beverages, food and merchandise with a message to spread joy and #CarryTheMerry. Holiday favourites like Jolly Baked Apple Latte, Crunchy Hat Mocha, Salted Dark Caramel and Carrot Cake, make it to the menu. Available at all Starbucks stores till January 5, 2021



CALL OF THE CARNATIC

Chorus Arts Foundation will host the Carnatic Music Festival, themed – 'Shakti - The Primordial Force' online from December 16. The two-week-long concert will be available for live streaming from the comfort of your home on www.inlive.to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.chorusarts.in>

WEBINAR Amish on the screen adaptation of his book. **WHEN & WHERE:** Today, 6 pm at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tJfmoG8yDctL7vlg>

Gamers' delight

Ubisoft and Reebok release their first collaborative capsule collection, celebrating the highly anticipated launch of Assassin's Creed: Valhalla, the next installment in the Assassin's Creed franchise. The bespoke collection is headlined by three footwear styles in exclusive colorways inspired by the northern lights – Zig Kinetica, Club C Revenge, and Classic Leather Legacy. Priced from ₹6,599 onwards. Available at: shop4iebook.com



Culinary pop-up

Curated by Chef Gagandeep Singh Sawhney, this special menu will feature ancestral recipes that have been passed down to him by his grandmother from a bygone era. When: Till Nov 29 Where: Saffron at Shangri-La Hotel, Bengaluru

Holiday collection

The Yellow Dwelling has introduced home decor products inspired by the American holiday of Thanksgiving. Shop for placemats, napkins, throws, cushion covers inspired by the fall season and colours. Shipping across India. Prices start at ₹430. For details, visit: theyellowdwelling.com



Pet treats

This International Disability Day, give your differently-abled pooches some TLC with this new range of salt-less, sugarless, human-grade food for canines. It includes liver waffles, egg doughnuts, and lamb and chicken munchies. Price: Starting from ₹250 + Shipping To order: Call 9820009456

New in the health foods aisle

Wellfield Foods Pvt Ltd., a Pune-based FMCG player has announced the launch of 2 immunity-boosting products – Diya Kawach and Pahadi Kahwa under its brand EcoValley to strengthen its position in the healthy foods and immunity-boosting segment. This has been developed based on traditional Indian recipes. Both the products act as immunity boosters and help build strong defense against respiratory illness triggered by viruses and other agents of flu. Available on: Amazon.in

Automobile Art Festival

The Carlist Festival 2020, which brings together automobile and art communities in India, will convene artists, designers, automobile experts, students from multiple institutes, aesthetes, and general public on a common platform to share and discuss art, inspirations, and others on November 27. For details, visit: bookmyshow.com



Thanksgiving special

This festive-special menu includes Mushroom Fricassee with Herbed Rice and Garlic Toast, Twin Floret Bake with Garlic and cheese toast, Cranberry and Maple Roasted Turkey with bread pudding, and Pear & Apple Entremets with activated charcoal cake. When: Till Nov 29 Where: Raj Pavilion, ITC Windsor

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.



FRESH PEA SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- Butter: 2 tbsp
- Shallots: 2, medium, finely chopped
- Water: 2 cups
- Green peas: 3 cups
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Heavy/whipping cream: 3 tbsp

METHOD

- Melt butter in a heavy-bottomed pan over medium heat. Cook shallots until soft and translucent.
- Pour water and peas, season with salt and pepper. Increase the heat to medium-high, bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until the peas are tender.
- Puree the peas in a blender in batches. Strain into the pan, stir in the cream and reheat. Season with salt and pepper before serving.

— Jyoti Sharma, Vasant Kunj

FIT BIT

SHAVA UDARAKARSHANASANA (UNIVERSAL SPINAL TWIST POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'shava' means 'corpse', 'udara' means 'stomach', 'akarshana' means 'to stretch', and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is commonly known as Universal Spinal Twist and it is a spine twisting asana. This asana is highly beneficial for curing indigestion. Along with it there are several other benefits. It is very important to know the right alignment of the body in an asana to avoid any kind of injury and to attain the maximum benefits. It is especially useful to practise this pose towards the end of your asana practises. It helps to activate the Manipura (Solar Plexus) chakra.

STEPS

- Lie straight on the mat, keeping your legs and the feet together.
- Stretch your arms to the sides at shoulder level, palms facing down.
- Inhale, bend your right leg, bringing your foot beside left knee. Place your left hand on the top of your right knee.
- Exhale, bring down the right knee on the floor on the left side, keeping the right leg bent and the foot touching the left knee.
- Turn your head with an exhale in the right direction. Look at the middle finger of the right hand.
- Keep your left hand on the right knee; your right arm and shoulder on the ground.
- Turn your head with an exhale in the opposite direction. Keep the other leg straight.
- Hold the position with deep and slow breaths for as long as you find it comfortable.
- Inhale, come to the centre.
- Stretch your right arm to the side and exhale, straighten the right leg. Now relax.
- Repeat on the opposite side.
- Practise five times on each side.

BENEFITS

- Helpful in removing the excess belly fat. It stretches the muscles and relaxes the whole body.
- Helps to get relief from menstrual cramps.
- Tones and massages the pelvic and abdominal organs.
- Improves digestion and is helpful in getting rid of gastritis.
- Improves the posture and cures back ailments and spinal disorders.
- Beneficial in relieving stiffness of the lower back and tiredness of the body.

LIMITATIONS

- Avoid straining and stretching the body beyond its limits as it may cause pain in the thighs, legs, knees, hips and back.
- If you have an injury in the hip joint, avoid this.
- Those suffering from thigh, hip, leg, back, neck or joint pain, migraine, or spinal disorders, avoid this.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MAYANDI KUDUMBATHAR

A property dispute ruins the relationship between two brothers, Mayandi and Virumandi. Matters become worse when Mayandi dies and Virumandi's son seeks revenge on his family. Cast: Manivannan, Ponvannan, Seeman, Tarun Gopi

AMAITHIPADAI

A homeless pauper, Amavasai works his way up to become a corrupt politician. However, his illegitimate son, a policeman, decides to destroy Amavasai for cheating his mother. Cast: Sathyaaraj, Manivannan, Ranjitha, Kasthuri, Sujatha

MAAMAN MAGAN

A man hides his true identity from a girl in order to marry her. But she soon learns the truth and demands a divorce. The situation gets tricky when she finds out that she is pregnant. Cast: Sathyaaraj, Meena, Manivannan, Goundamani

24 MANI NERAM

A young man sets out to find the real culprit when he is falsely accused of murdering a woman. However, he must find the murderer within twenty-four hours and avenge the woman's death. Cast: Sathyaaraj, Mohan, Senthil, Jaishankar



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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS



1 THE MIGHTY MATHEMATICS OF THE LEVER BY ANDY PETERSON AND ZACK PATTERSON

Archimedes once said "Give me a place to stand, and I shall move the Earth." While the idea of a person moving such a huge mass on their own might sound impossible, chances are you've seen this idea in action at your local playground. Andy Peterson and Zack Patterson use the seesaw to illustrate the amazing implications and uses of the lever.



2 MYSTERIES OF VERNACULAR: BEWILDER BY JESSICA ORECK AND RACHAEL TEEL

The history of the word bewilder is more straightforward than you might think. Roots can be traced back to the Old English words wilde (undomesticated) and deor (untamed animals). Jessica Oreck and Rachael Teel track bewilder's etymological path.



3 THE ERA OF OPEN INNOVATION BY CHARLES LEADBEATER

In this deceptively casual talk, Charles Leadbeater weaves a tight argument that innovation isn't just for professionals anymore. Passionate amateurs, using new tools, are creating products and paradigms that companies can't.



4 TURNING POWERFUL STATS INTO ART BY CHRIS JORDAN

Artist Chris Jordan shows us an arresting view of what Western culture looks like. His super-sized images picture some almost unimaginable statistics – like the astonishing number of paper cups we use every single day.



5 HOW THE NEWS DISTORTS OUR WORLDVIEW BY ALISA MILLER

Alisa Miller, head of Public Radio International, talks about why – though we want to know more about the world than ever – the media is actually showing us less. Eye-opening stats and graphs.

REGIONAL



KATTRADHU KALAVU (Tamil)

A boy and a girl, who want to earn quick money, meet and decide to con people for a living. Things change when a politician that they are blackmailing decides to settle scores.

Cast: Vijayalakshmi, Krishna, Ganja Karuppu, Sampath Raj

Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FRENCH BIRIYANI (Kannada)

This comedy of errors follows a two-day journey in Bengaluru, featuring auto-driver Asgar and Simon, a representative of a drug company from France.

Cast: Danish Sait, Sal Yusuf

Watch on: Amazon Prime

NO ONE KILLED JESSICA (Hindi)

Sabrina Lal joins forces with Meera, an investigative journalist, to seek justice for her sister Jessica, who was murdered by the son of an influential politician.

Cast: Vidya Balan, Rani Mukerji, Raj Kumar Gupta, Myra Karn

Watch on: Netflix



PUGAIPPADAM (Tamil)

Guru, Nanda, Bala, Krishna, KK and Gowri are a group of college friends who accept shiny fall in love with each other but decide to keep it a secret.

Cast: Priya Anand, Amzath Khan, Miralini, Yamini, Nandha

Watch on: Disney+Hotstar



MIDDLE CLASS MELODIES (Telugu)

A comedy drama depicting the congenial lives of the middle class in a village and the ambitions of a young man who moves to a nearby city to pursue his dream of owning a hotel.

Cast: Anand Devarakonda, Varsha Bollamma, Divya Drishti, Chanakya Tejas

Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

LUCA (Malayalam)

When police officer Akbar comes across a diary during an investigation, he learns about the happenings in the lives of a Kochi-based scrap artist, Luca, and his girlfriend Niharika.

Cast: Tovino Thomas, Ahaana Krishna, Nithin George

Watch on: Amazon Prime



TE3N (Hindi)

John Biswas, a 70-year-old man, seeks help from a priest and a police officer in his quest to find the people who kidnapped and killed his granddaughter.

Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Vidya Balan, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Padmavati Rao

Watch on: Amazon Prime

FOREIGN

DASH & LILY (English, series)

A whirlwind Christmas romance builds as cynical Dash and optimistic Lily trade dares, dreams and desires in the notebook they pass back and forth at locations around New York City.

Cast: Austin Abrams, Midori Francis, Nick Jonas

Watch on: Netflix



NARUTO (Japanese, series)

Naruto, a teenage ninja, embarks on various adventures with his friends and trains hard to become the Hokage. However, he must prove his mettle in order to be successful in his quest.

Cast: Junko Takeuchi, Orie Nakamura, Noriaki Sugiyama, Steve Blum

Watch on: Netflix

BLACK BOX (English)

After losing his wife and memory in a car accident, a single father undergoes an agonizing experimental treatment that causes him to question who he really is.

Cast: Phyllicia Rashid, Mamoudou Athie, Amanda Christine, Tosin Morohunfola

Watch on: Amazon Prime



TERMINATOR: DARK FATE (English)

When an advanced Terminator is sent into the past, a cyborg and a seasoned female warrior team up to stop the death of a young woman who is fated to ensure the survival of the human race.

Cast: Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mackenzie Davis, Natalia Reyes

Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

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CUDDLING CUPID'S ARROW, BRAVING BITTER BARBS



OPEN SPACE
Gulnaar Mirza
Associate Editor

Love jihad. The war of love, or more precisely, crusade of love. An oxymoron definitely, it conjures images of guns and roses, a term synonymous more with the war zone called marriage than the flower-strewn path of courtship. Love jihad is suddenly gaining currency, with laws being hammered out to deal with this supposedly growing unhappy phenomenon, though according to the courts, it's an invalid term.

Valid or not, I am now a little concerned about these laws on the anvil, considering the number of inter-faith couples in the family - both 'jihadis' (their term, not mine) and those who are involved in a form of reverse jihad (again, not my term).

One of the first to cross the barrier was my intrepid aunt, who took off with her university senior, creating quite a ripple. But those were the swinging sixties in a Bombay under the overarching influence of Bollywood, and death threats were not the norm in that softer era. The personal was not yet the political. No doubt she had to sever ties with many in the family, but was determined to settle down with her dashing Goan beau. Now over half a century later, their marriage seems to be the normal cat-and-mouse game of a couple in their seventies.

Cut to post millennium. There is this young man who married a beauty introduced by his parents, but couldn't get his former colleague out of his mind. Nor could she, it seems, though they had pledged to stay apart, as they were on opposing sides of the communal divide. Cupid persisted, and won. Now together, they are parents to a toddler. Only love, no jihad.

But today's world, populated by hardliners of all hues, looks at them with a cynical curious eye, and their gooey love story seems like an affirmation of a disturbing narrative being built. The questions are probing: Who converted, who gave up name and religion, who won, who lost?

The focus, unfortunately, is still on the girl (our sisters, our daughters, our honour) turning it into a gender issue where the woman somehow seems to have a far lesser right to love, and to choose. The man gets away, but that's no surprise. The young couple continues to be threatened by members of her family, and declarations that two faiths can co-exist under one roof are met with more cynicism. What, a strict vegetarian in this *maasahari* household? Inconceivable.

Then there are others who dropped both religions, preferring the more peaceful anonymity of spirituality. It is definitely a dangerous time to love. I doff my hat to both these women, but more so the younger one - for she has dared in a climate of moral and political vigilantism.

Beyond skin deep

Actor-director Mahesh Gowda on his initiative to dispel stigma around vitiligo, and his experience of dealing with low self-esteem due to the condition

• **Monika Monalisa**

There is strength in numbers, they say. And when it comes to dispelling stigma around something, there's perhaps nothing better than spreading awareness about the subject. That's the idea behind Sandalwood actor-director Mahesh Gowda's new project. Gowda, who has been living with vitiligo since childhood,

is now on a mission to spread awareness about the skin condition. He has created a community page called Scarman on Instagram, where he will be working towards erasing the taboos and stigma related to vitiligo.

"If you ask anyone about vitiligo, they might be aware of it. They probably know that it's a melanin related skin condition but not many know what aggravates it. I have not come across any organisation, governmental institution or



Mahesh Gowda

any celebrity speaking about this," says Gowda, explaining that food, stress and lack of sleep can be the triggers.

Gowda, who is a graduate from the London Film Academy, says it was not easy for him either to deal with the stress that comes with it. "I have always worn full sleeved T-shirts or shirts for most of my life. I had a very low self-esteem due to the bullying I had to go through," says Gowda. He decided to deal with the situation when he was battling depression during the lockdown. "I worked on a total body transformation without any supplements," says the 36-year-old director of the Kannada crime thriller, *Mahira*.

His aim is to normalise vitiligo in the entertainment industry, where flawless beauty is the norm. "People with vitiligo should not feel like they can't have a career in showbiz because of this," says Gowda, who adds that he never wanted to show the skin condition as a weakness. "I don't want people to look at it as a disability," he says. He started this initiative on Nov. 16, which is also his birthday. He has also done various themed photoshoots where he does not hide any of the patches. Currently only one theme is out but more will be released soon.

In focus: Films from the east

Thirty films from various genres comprise the line-up at the upcoming Japanese Film Festival, which is going digital this year



• **Vidya Iyengar**

IN STORE:
The Flavor of Green Tea over Rice. A middle-aged couple, who are very different from each other, find a hope for a renewal of their marriage when they share a simple meal together.

A Story of Yonosuke:
A nostalgic depiction of the interactions between a good-natured young man and his friends, while switching back and forth between the past and present.

Tokyo Marble Chocolate:
This animated film looks at a couple's first Christmas together, where things take an unexpected turn when a gift gets messed up.

The Japanese Film Festival (JFF) made its debut in the city last year, when Bengalureans got a chance to watch movies from the country in the theatre over a 10-day period. This year, however, the event is taking the digital route owing to the pandemic.

Slated for an opening on Dec. 4, the festival will bring critically-acclaimed award-winning titles along with mainstream entertainment. Organised by the Japan Foundation New Delhi, the fourth edition of the festival in India has a list of 30 Japanese films from various genres and formats. Among those to be screened are *On the list are One Night, Lady Maiko, Production I.G Short Animation: (Pigtails) and Stolen Identity.*

"We received an encouraging and splendid response from audiences in Bengaluru. The opening night of the festival saw massive queues and turnouts were consistent throughout the week. It was humbling



to see such excitement for Japanese films in the city," says Kaoru Miyamoto, director-general of the organisation. According to Miyamoto, streaming is still relatively lacking in Japan, with licensors quite reluctant due to concerns of piracy and copyrights. "On the other hand, if we create and promote an environment where Japanese films can be seen more and more in the world, it may be expected that the attitude of Japanese licensors towards exploring different avenues of releasing content will become a little more positive," he says, adding that convincing and negotiating titles for the digital edition was challenging due to this reason. "We also faced sev-

eral challenges in designing and developing a website that could cater to diverse audiences who will be logging into the site from across East and South Asia to watch films in the online festival," he adds.

The catalogue includes titles selected specifically to cater to varied ages and tastes across categories, like animation, feature drama, romance, thriller, classic and documentary. "We especially receive great responses from teenagers and young adults towards the content every year so we look forward to their continued enthusiasm for the digital edition since the internet is almost like their second home," he says.

While the digital edition is being introduced this year, they do wish to return to Bengaluru for a theatrical festival. Miyamoto says, "JFF curates diverse titles from all genres and possible narratives which allows us to give an in-depth cross-section of content from the Japanese film industry. Of course, anime and manga adaptation titles tend to have more dedicated fans everywhere, but Bengaluru also came in droves to watch other fiction thrillers, dramas, romantic comedies and arthouse films."

(For details, visit watch.jff.jp/go.jp)

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—Kaoru Miyamoto, director-general, Japan Foundation New Delhi



Special memories

It's been 46 years since Sir Vivian Richards started playing for the West Indies team and he shared a heartfelt message on Instagram. He said, "46 years go, I started my first ever game for @windiescricket in Bangalore. I can't express how lucky & incredible I felt representing this team, who have always produced legendary cricketers. Always proud to have played with & against some exceptional talents. I still can feel the moment when I was about to make my debut. It was a sensational journey to be honest and thank you all for making it special being with me through the journey."

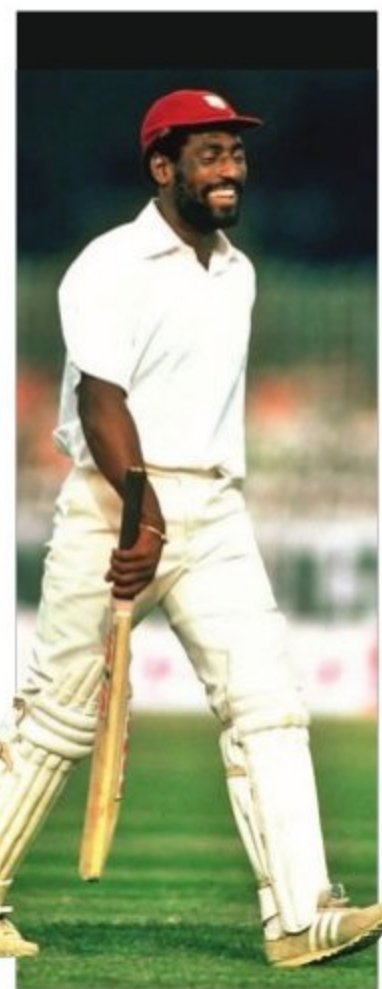


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CITY READ

Summit on co-creating the new normal

Goodera.com, the tech platform that unifies the CSR Lifecycle for companies in India and abroad, is hosting global visionaries of the CSR and volunteering community at their event Karma Summit on Nov 25-26. The theme is 'Co-Creating A New Normal'. The event will provide opportunities to discuss strategic solutions for the post-pandemic period through the lens of gender, technology and the challenges of investing in a healthcare infrastructure in India. The summit will also help assess the expected impact of the pandemic on the ability to move towards the SDGs of 2030.



LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

Deepavali is over. Whether one celebrates it for Lakshmi pooja, or as a new year for some in west India, or as Kali Pooja in Bengal, or any number of the other reasons why the festival is such a big deal, and even if you do not celebrate it at all, it is one big desi holiday.

The long holiday weekends, whether it is for Deepavali, or for Thanksgiving and Christmas in the United States, Eid in Bangladesh or Pakistan or other spaces, or Pongal in Tamil Nadu, and even the generically named Bank Holiday weekend in some nations, are special. Inevitably, these weekends are

NAVIGATING FESTIVAL VISITS



about families getting together. In ordinary times, the bus stations and railway stations throng with huge crowds of people looking for passage back home to parents and relatives, far from the big cities in the hinterlands. Photographs of Bangladeshi trains overflowing with such huge crowds that barely an inch of their metal surfaces are legendary, as are the huge traffic jams leading out of Bengaluru with miles and miles of vehicles full of people looking to head out of the city.

For people in relationships, these holidays are about one decision: Whose family would they spend the holiday with, or would they spend the holiday by themselves?

It is perhaps the single most important question that people, especially the young and those in new relationships, have to

struggle with as they plan on how they would make this decision so that nobody is unhappy. Till the time relationships are made official, perhaps everyone goes to their respective natal homes while secretly yearning for each other, or maybe they make up official trips or other excuses so they can still stay with each other; travel out in secret, making sure their holiday pictures don't get out into social media where their families might notice.

Once the relationships are announced and approved, it gets trickier. Whose home do you go and when? Do you take turns - each person's home for a year and once on their own? Or, do you try and share the holidays - Deepavali at one's would mean Pongal at the other's, and Christmas and New Year on their own?

Holiday travels can be hard because we tend to read so much into these decisions: Who is loved more? Who is seen as more fun? Is our joy and happiness a priority, or are we expected to be dutiful and proper? The joy of the holiday season is often scarred with how we make these decisions. Being able to make these decisions with kindness and mutual respect would be great, but the hard reality is that we often find ourselves allying not with our new relationships, but with the families we came from and that is the source of the trouble.

The holidays are amazing opportunities to love and be loved, but only if we remember that rather than treat it as only a ritual homecoming.

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)



Kerala to be Sudeep's next stop for *Phantom* from December first week

The first schedule of the shooting of the film, directed by Anup Bhandari and produced by Manjunath Gowda, was completed in Hyderabad, and the team is now left with 40 days of shooting

CE Features

Sudeep-starrer *Phantom*, directed by Anup Bhandari, was one of the first films in India to resume shooting amid the pandemic, and the team, which began shooting in June, has completed a long schedule in Hyderabad. A post by Sudeep on his Twitter handle says, "A longggg schedule at hyd jus wrapped. Should admit tat it was a totally a great experience. Smthn I wil cherish fr a long time. Startn shoot when noone was even thinking of, and wrapping what was planned is an achievement by itself. Last schedule starts soon. Cheers (sic)." Director Anup Bhandari also wrote on Twitter, "Finished Hyd schedule with this sequence. One of the simplest edit timelines but the toughest 7 mins 9 secs 6 frames any of us have ever shot! @KicchaSudeepsir's ef-

fort was phenomenal & so was every cast, technician & crew member. Made possible by @JackManjunath sir's support(sic)."

The team is left with 40 days of shooting now. They are currently planning the last schedule, and the next stop will be Kerala, where they will resume work in first week of December. They will later wrap the film in Bengaluru with a song shoot, for which they will be coming up with a grand set.

Phantom is being produced by Manjunath Gowda, under the banner of Shalini Arts. It features Sudeep as cop Vikranth Rona, and sharing screen space with him will be Nirup Bhandari along with Neetha Ashok in the ensemble cast. This will be the first time that director Ajaneesh B Loknath is composing the music, and William David is handling the cinematography for a Sudeep's film.



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A still from *Phantom*

Sanjana Sanghi joins *OM - The Battle Within*



CE Features

Sanjana Sanghi is set to star in Aditya Roy Kapur's upcoming film, *OM - The Battle Within*. Bankrolled by Zee Studios, Ahmed Khan, and Shaira Khan, *OM* will feature Sanjana as Kavya. This marks the first association of Aditya and Sanjana as a lead pair. Sanjana, who recently starred in Sushant Singh Rajput's *Dil Bechara*, made her Bollywood debut as a child artist in Rockstar. Talking about signing her, producer Ahmed Khan says, "In her debut film, Sanjana handled her role with great maturity and in *OM*, the character she plays is a young girl who handles great responsibilities, and she is perfectly suited for it."

The Kapil Varma directorial will be shot in three cities in India and one international location. The makers are hoping to complete the shooting by March. On her first big action venture, Sanjana says, "Getting to delve into the action genre so early in my career, is something I view as an absolute honour and I am immensely grateful to the producers and director Kapil. After exploring many scripts and possibilities for a while, *OM* felt just right. It is going to present me with new and exciting challenges."

PUNEETH RAJKUMAR'S *YUVARATHNAA* TO HAVE TELUGU VERSION

A Sharadhaa

Adouble dhamaka awaits Puneeth Rajkumar fans. The makers of the Power Star's upcoming film, *Yuvarathnaa*, directed by Santhosh Anandram will be releasing its first single, 'Power of Youth', on Dec. 2. The production house Hombale Films, which is releasing the audio on its music channel, also announced that the Kannada film will be getting released in Telugu as well.

The announcement was made by the production house, the director as well as Puneeth Rajkumar. The actor said in his social media post, "Power of Youth" single on December 2nd. (sic) and another tweet from the actor says, "We are happy to announce #Yuvarathnaa will be released in Telugu also. Need all your support and wishes." (sic)

This will be Puneeth Rajkumar's second outing in Tollywood. Earlier, his movie *Jackie* was also released in Telugu.

The action commercial entertainer brings together the director, actor and the producer for the second time, after *Raajakumar*. It is produced by Vijay Kiragandur, who has earlier taken *KGF* to the pan-India level. The film is currently in the post-production stage, and there is a lot of buzz around Thaman's music. The lyrics of the track 'Power of Youth' has been written by Ramjogayya Sastry and the song has been sung by Nakash Aziz. Cinematography has been handled by Venkatesh Anguraj.

Yuvarathnaa marks the Kannada film debut of Sayyeshaa, who is paired opposite Puneeth. The cast also features Dhananjay as the antagonist, along with Diganth, Sonu Gowda and Prakash Raj, who will be seen in prominent roles.

The film is likely to be released early next year. However, no official confirmation has come until now.

The film, directed by Santhosh Anandram under the banner of Hombale Films, will be released in two languages; its first single, *Power of Youth*, composed by S Thaman will be out on Dec. 2



Puneeth Rajkumar

CE Features

The title of Bhumi Pednekar's upcoming film, *Durgavati*, which is presented by Akshay Kumar, has now been changed to *Durgamati: The Myth*.

On Monday, Akshay unveiled a poster with the new title of the film, which is set for an OTT release on December 11.

While no official reason has yet been given for the change in title, this is the second film in recent months to see a name change. A few weeks ago, the Akshay Kumar-starrer *Laxmi Bomb* was renamed *Laxmii* on the censor board's suggestion after a section of people said the original name of the film insulted Goddess Laxmi and Hinduism.

Durgamati also stars Arshad Warsi, Jishu Sengupta, Mahie Gill, and Karan Kapadia in pivotal roles. This film is directed by G Ashok, who also helmed the original Telugu film *Bhaagamathie*, headlined by Anushka.

Bhumi Pednekar's *Durgavati* is now *Durgamati: The Myth*



Bhumi Pednekar

Sriimurali gears up for third schedule of *MadaGaja* from Dec. 1 in Bengaluru

Director Mahesh Kumar, who is planning to film major fight sequences and talkie portions now, is coming up with a huge set at a whopping cost

CE Features

Team *MadaGaja* had completed the second schedule of the shooting in October, and they will now resume the third phase from Dec. 1 in Bengaluru. The family action entertainer stars Sriimurali. Director Mahesh Kumar has planned to film major action block sequences for which the team is coming up with a huge set at two places — HMT factory and Minerva Mills — at a whopping cost. It will be created by art director Mohan B Kere. The film is produced by Robertt producer Umamathy S Gowda, who will be collaborating with the actor and the director for the first time. *MadaGaja* is the second film of Mahesh, who made his debut with *Ayogya*. The project has been bankrolled by Umamathy Films. Its shooting began in Varanasi, where some crucial portions were filmed. About 60 per cent of the shoot has been completed now.

MadaGaja has Ashika Ranganath playing the female lead opposite Sriimurali. The film



Mahesh Kumar

consists of a huge cast, and will see Jagapathi Babu featuring as an antagonist. Noted south Indian actor actor Devayani is making her comeback in Kannada cinema after a gap of 20 years with this movie. It has cinematography by Naveen Kumar and music composed by Ravi Basur. The album will consist of four songs, and lyrics for two tracks have been written by Chethan Kumar, while the other two songs will be penned by Ravi Basur and Kinnal Raj.



Sriimurali